

Etzion Bloc may quit settlement council Levinger remanded for eight more days

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebron Rabbi Moshe Levinger was remanded to custody last night for another eight days of interrogation by police and security forces, who suspect he may have had knowledge of the activities of the alleged Jewish terror underground.

Levinger is also being questioned about his possible role in the underground.

Levinger's supporters in Gush Emunim have scheduled a meeting tomorrow in Jerusalem to discuss ways to give financial and legal support to suspects in the case.

Remand hearings were being held for at least another four suspects last night. Jerusalem Magistrates Court Judge Aharon Simha presided in an improvised courtroom in the Russian Compound police headquarters as suspects were brought one by one into the room with their lawyers.

Levinger was calm during the hearing, a source inside the building told reporters.

Meanwhile, several Etzion Bloc leaders have begun discussing possible secession of Etzion Bloc settlements from the council of Judea and Samaria settlements.

The Etzion Bloc leaders are angered by what appears to them to be a Gush Emunim takeover of the council and the council's failure to adequately condemn the activities of the suspected underground.



The new secretary-general of the Histadrut, Yisrael Kessar, is flanked after yesterday's vote by his predecessors Yehoram Meshel (right) and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon (left).

Kessar is crowned as head of Histadrut

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The good of the state cannot be distinguished from the good of the workers. Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar said yesterday, shortly after his election as the ninth head of the labour federation.

Kessar succeeded Yehoram Meshel, who resigned after 10 years as head of the Histadrut. Kessar was elected by a large majority of the Histadrut executive in a contest against Likud faction head Ya'acov Shamai.

Kessar was also unanimously

Levy: Compensate now for 20.6% C-o-L rise

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy yesterday voiced strong demands to compensate wage earners promptly for last month's 20.6 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index. He asked Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad to grant raises with this month's wage, payable in early June.

Cohen-Orad, however, declared that only within the framework of an overall cost-of-living allowance agreement between the Histadrut, employers and the government would he agree to make such advance payment. The talks about such accord have been taking place for several days, and thus while Cohen-Orad did not promise to agree, it is possible that he will meet Levy's demands.

The increase in the consumer price index was the second largest ever registered, only 0.5 per cent lower than the October 1983 record of 21.1 per cent.

Reacting to the news, incoming Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar said that he was in contact with private employers yesterday and still hoped for a new cost-of-living increment agreement within "two or three days." He warned that if an agreement is not reached, the Histadrut would demand that compensation be paid with this month's salaries, in spite of the Treasury's rejection of such a payment.

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics calculations, an urban family needed in April some \$125,000 to buy the same basket of goods and services it could purchase in 1979/80 with about \$53,700.

The rise in consumer prices brought the CPI to 3,389.7 points on a 1980=100 baseline. During the first third of the year, prices went up by 71.7 per cent, an annual rate of 40.6 per cent.

The announcement of the index was loaded with political significance, since it was the largest increase expected before the July 23 elections. The Treasury and the Likud were hoping for a figure of under 18 per cent.

Minister addresses conference, crown prince hosts banquet Shamir hails MKs' visit to Morocco

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday welcomed the visit of an Israeli parliamentary delegation to Morocco. Addressing a commemorative gathering in Kiryat Gat, he said that the event "should be viewed as one more expression of the growing acceptance by the Arab world of the independent existence of the state of Israel."

In Rabat, where the 11 MKs and two dozen other Israelis attended a congress of Jews of Moroccan origin, a high Moroccan official told the event's participants Monday night that his country is willing to mediate between Israel and the Palestinians.

Minister of State Moulay Ahmed Alaoui appeared suddenly at the congress as delegates were holding a discussion on Rambam (Moses Maimonides), according to the Hebrew daily Ma'ariv. His arrival was seen as an indirect message from Moroccan King Hassan, meant to indicate one of the main reasons for the Israelis' invitation.

In his surprise address, Alaoui called the congress "a unique event, in that Jews and Moslems participating in it can speak freely and get to know each other. This is the way to achieve peace and to build, finally, something positive between Jews and Arabs. Morocco is in a good position to help, because while it supports the Palestinian struggle, it also can contribute to peace."

"Morocco holds an obligation to the Palestinians," he went on, "especially to the Fez summit conference resolution. Given the Middle East situation, King Hassan remains one of the few persons who

Gush declines to condemn underground

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Representatives of the Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip yesterday issued a statement declaring that the life of every person — Jew and Arab — is "holy." But they seemed to go along with Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman's distinction between attacking innocent Arabs and leaders associated with the PLO.

The statement was issued after a long soul-searching debate at Yad

Shapiro in the Etzion Bloc which lasted until the early hours of yesterday morning.

A group of 21 of Israel's leading intellectuals yesterday released a statement condemning Energy Minister Yuval Ne'eman's recent declaration in favour of terror attacks on Arabs. Among the signatories are: Prof. Efraim Urbach, president of the Israel Academy of Sciences; Prof. Mark Dworetzky, a former Academy president; Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science; Prof. David Flusser, a prominent scholar of the Second Temple period; and Prof. Dan Patinkin, president of the Hebrew University.

Most speakers at the Gush Emunim meeting criticized the terrorist attacks on Arabs alleged to have been perpetrated by settlers now under arrest. However, one speaker suggested praising the settlers, a participant reported.

The announcement as issued sought to set guidelines for the settlers. It said: "The life of every

La'am split patched up

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The quarrel in La'am was patched up yesterday evening. Ehud Olmert told reporters that this morning he will hand Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir a letter, stating that all four of the faction's MKs will accept his ruling fixing their order in the Likud Knesset list.

"On Monday night, Olmert, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, and Avraham Hirschson announced their readiness to leave the decision to Shamir. But Yigal Cohen objected, on the grounds that the order of candidates was a matter for La'am to decide for itself."

At a meeting in the Knesset yesterday, Cohen withdrew his objection.

The crisis erupted on Sunday, when Shostak and his followers left the meeting of the party secretariat, and at a meeting of their own in a different hall voted that Shostak again be first on their list, with Olmert second.

Simultaneously, Olmert's followers voted that he be given first place, and Shostak no place at all.

Shostak yesterday confirmed to The Jerusalem Post that he would recommend to Shamir, if he forms the next government, that Olmert represent La'am in the cabinet.

But Olmert, asked whether it was on the basis of that promise that he had agreed to Shamir's arbitration, claimed that all he knew of the promise was what he had read in the papers.

2 IDF soldiers wounded in Lebanon ambush

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Two IDF soldiers were wounded yesterday evening in Lebanon when their patrol came under light arms fire in an ambush north of the Zaharani River. The wounded soldiers were evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Two earlier attacks yesterday caused no casualties.

Two bazooka rounds were fired at an IDF patrol north of Juyab in one incident. IDF forces closed off the area and searched it.

In the other incident, a mine was found and safely dismantled 1½ kilometres north of Nabatiya on a road used by the IDF.

Ghali wants Arabs to recognize Israel

CAIRO (AFP). — A call to Saudi Arabia to help set up a "new Arab League" that would recognize Israel and aim to cooperate with it was issued yesterday by Egyptian deputy foreign minister Boutros Ghali in a newspaper interview.

The interview appeared in the Akher Sa'a (Latest News) a few days before Arab foreign ministers are due to meet to discuss possible reforms of the Arab League.

"The new Arab League must take co-existence with Israel into consideration and encourage a concerted Arab will to negotiate with Israel and convert the armed Israel-Arab confrontation into mutual cooperation," he told the paper.

Asked about possible consequences of Egypt's return to the Arab League for Egypt's relations with Israel, Ghali said: "This return will not involve any change in our policy."

Nissim blocks two disputed settlements

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Justice Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday appealed to the cabinet plenary against a joint cabinet-World Zionist Organization settlement committee decision to establish two settlements in the West Bank on land with disputed ownership.

Nissim's appeal automatically suspends implementation of the committee's decision until the entire cabinet considers the matter, a justice ministry source said. Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, meanwhile, asked the committee's acting chairman, Yuval Ne'eman, to reconsider the entire issue, and Ne'eman agreed.

Nissim rebelled against the committee's decision on Monday to permit private entrepreneurs to settle two sites in western Samaria near the old armistice line. One settlement, to be called Neria, was to rise near Elkana, and the other, Ya'arit, across from Tsur Natan.

A very well-placed source disclosed that the promoters of Neria have said they want to establish it over a 1,000-dunam area. The maps they presented showed a 600-dunam area, but the people who purportedly sold them the land owned no more than 300 dunams, and the sellers' ownership of even those 300 dunams has been legally contested.

Ya'arit was to include a 200-dunam area, which was owned jointly by two Arabs who died. The two had many heirs, but the entrepreneurs bought the land from some heirs of only one of the original owners, the source added.

The justice minister in his appeal said the public would be misled if it were advised to sign contracts to purchase land there. "The government must not put up with something like this," the ministry's spokesman quoted Nissim as stressing. Nissim went on to demand that decisions to establish settlements should be taken only after his ministry confirms the land ownership.

Heavy Soviet losses in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Soviet forces have suffered heavy casualties in their assault on Afghanistan's Panjsher Valley with at least 500 dead and wounded soldiers taken to Kabul in the past seven to 10 days, western diplomats said yesterday.

Gravediggers at Kabul's martyrs' cemetery, where Afghan soldiers are often buried, are working overtime with up to 40 funerals a day, they said, quoting reports from their embassies in Kabul. Truckloads of Afghan wounded have been seen at the airport.

Other Soviet wounded were believed to be receiving treatment at Bagram, a large Soviet airbase north of Kabul, or being flown directly to Soviet hospitals, the diplomats added.

The diplomats, whose reports were the first estimates of Soviet casualties since the offensive started on April 21, said ambulances full of Soviet casualties were now often seen in the Afghan capital.

They also reported that three or four Soviet soldiers went on a rampage in Kabul on May 7, machine-gunning at least six people to death as they waited for a bus outside a Soviet barracks.

The diplomats said the killing at the bus stop appeared to be in retaliation for a guerrilla attack the night before which killed at least seven Soviet soldiers.

Guerrilla timebombs have rocked Kabul almost daily, the diplomats said.

Afghanistan's Communist Party chiefs said Monday night they would soon arm workers, farmers and civil servants to protect work places. Civil defence teams and soldiers used to do this job, but Moscow appears to have lost faith in the dwindling army and an increasing number of Soviet soldiers have been posted on Kabul's streets, the diplomats said.



Major-General Antoine Lahad, commander of the Southern Lebanese Army (right) meets the press in Sidon yesterday. In the centre is Sidon acting-governor Edmond Mashalani, and at the left chief police commander in the South, Edouard Toumi.

In ceremony in Sidon Lahad hands over offices to Beirut

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SEDON. — Major-General Antoine Lahad, commander of the Israeli-backed Southern Lebanese Army yesterday formally handed over the Lebanese government offices here to a representative of the central government.

In a short ceremony in the dusty parade ground of the Saraya, the sandstone-faced building which serves as the office of the Lebanese

southern provincial governor, Lahad withdrew his troops and handed over the building to the acting governor Edmond Mashalani. Mashalani, who is the acting provincial governor in the absence of his superior Khalim Fayad, called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Only two days short of the first anniversary of the abrogated May 17 agreement between Israel and Lebanon, yesterday's ceremony was well-

World to spend \$1,000b. on arms this year

WASHINGTON (AP). — The world will be spending a thousand billion for weapons and other military purposes by next year, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency reported on Monday.

From less than \$300b. in 1972, spending rose to about \$820b. in 1982, and will reach about \$970b. this year, the agency said.

Inflation is partly responsible for the rise, but even in real terms, spending is increasing an average of 3.1 per cent a year. It moved up twice as fast in developing countries as in industrialized ones, with the Middle East and Africa leading the way.

The U.S., the Soviet Union and their military blocs accounted for nearly 75 per cent of the arms sold and delivered from 1972 to 1982, the period covered in the report. But the U.S. agency found a number of other countries coming into prominence as arms exporters in the early 1980s: Brazil, Israel, North Korea, South Korea and Turkey.

Still, their sales were far below those of the leading exporters for 1978-1982: the Soviet Union, the U.S., France, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania and China.

The Soviet Union, the top arms supplier since 1978, held 30.1 per cent of the arms market in 1982. The U.S. was second with 26.2 per cent. But the North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies led the Warsaw Pact, 47.9 to 38.3 per cent.

In total military spending, the Soviet Union led the U.S. in 1982 by \$257b to \$196b.

Middle Eastern countries bought nearly half the weapons delivered in 1982. The region has led all others since 1977 in the value of arms imports. The war between Iran and Iraq prompted a surge in 1980, after four years of levelling off.

Saudi Arabia ranks first in the world in per capita spending on defence, followed by Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Kuwait and Libya.

Israel stands first in the percentage of population in the armed forces, while Oman spends a bigger proportional share of its budget on the military than any other country. Iraq was the biggest arms importer in 1982.

Others among the top 10 in 1982 spending, behind the USSR and U.S., were China, with an estimated \$49.5b.; Britain, \$27.3b.; France, \$25.6b.; Saudi Arabia, \$24.8b.; West Germany, \$24.3b.; Poland, \$13.5b.; Japan, \$12.2b.; and Iraq, \$11.7b.

Israel was 17th, spending \$5.8b. on arms in 1982, according to the report, only slightly lower than much larger countries such as Italy, Czechoslovakia, Iran, Canada and India. Among other Middle Eastern countries, Syria spent an estimated \$2.5b., and Egypt \$2.4b.

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Safed	41	18-23	25
Haifa Port	43	14-30	32
Tiberias	41	12-24	26
Nazareth	39	13-26	27
Afula	44	13-26	29
Shomron	35	13-25	27
Tel Aviv	38	15-24	26
B-G Airport	41	14-25	28
Jericho	31	15-23	23
Gaza	61	16-23	35
BeerSheva	19	12-28	30
Eilat	8	19-33	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

New governors from around the world were elected to the Weizmann Institute's Board at its annual meeting in Rehovot. They were Governor Emeriti - Dr. Walter Compton (U.S.), Dr. Israel Goldstein (Israel), Mr. Arthur Krim (U.S.), Prof. Herman Mark (U.S.), Prof. Isidor Rabi (U.S.), Prof. Max Tishler (U.S.), Lord Todd (UK), Dr. Gregorio Topolevsky (Argentina), Prof. Jerrold Zacharias (U.S.), and Governors - Mr. Lawrence Blumberg (U.S.), Mr. Yehuda Bromberg (Israel), Mr. Hugh Cameron (Canada), Mr. Ralph Cohen (Israel), Mr. Mordechai Einhorn (Israel), Mr. Aron Gafny (Israel), Mr. Herbert Gelfand (U.S.), Mrs. Lilian Hertzberg (U.S.), Mr. Lawrence Horowitz (U.S.), Prof. Aaron King (UK), Mr. Oscar Kolm (U.S.), Mr. Oded Messer (Israel), Mr. Barrie Rose (Canada), Mr. Leon Schidlow (Mexico) and Mr. Alan Weissman (U.S.). Elected to the Board's Executive Council were Mr. Paul Borman (U.S.), Mr. Ralph Cohen (Israel), Mr. Mordechai Einhorn (Israel), Mr. Henri Glasberg (France), Mr. Maurice Goldschleger (France), Mr. Reuben Kunin (Switzerland), and Mr. Oded Messer (Israel).

The ambassador of Australia, Dr. Robert Stuart Merrilees, will speak on Australian-Israeli relations at the weekly meeting of The Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in the YMCA today.

Pauna Bor was re-elected president of the B'nai B'rith order at its annual meeting in Tel Aviv this week.

Shmuel Tamir will speak on the judicial aspects of press freedom at the weekly meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Jack L. Cummings (Canada), chairman of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University, for the annual meeting.

DEPARTURES

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to France, for the opening of an Israeli school.

Greeks allegedly fed stowaways to sharks

PIRAEUS (AP). - A Greek captain and 10 crew members were detained Monday for allegedly throwing 11 African stowaways into shark-infested waters in the Indian Ocean, harbour authorities in this port said. A spokesman said the detainees, from a Greek-flag cargo vessel, are suspected of having pushed the stowaways overboard last March.

The stowaways, who boarded ship at Mombasa in Kenya, were reportedly instructed to swim to the Somali coast, some 13 kilometres away.

PRIMARIES - Colorado Senator Gary Hart was favoured to defeat former vice-president Walter Mondale yesterday in Nebraska and Oregon primaries that are stepping stones in Hart's plan for a miracle finish in the Democratic presidential nomination race in the U.S.

TOMORROW — HAGA (Civil Defence) Exercise at Ben-Gurion Airport

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 17, there will be a civil defence exercise between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Ben-Gurion Airport.

During the exercise, the sound of firing and explosions will be heard, and the sirens will sound the all clear. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Herut, Liberals edging towards split

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Herut and the Liberals held no formal meeting yesterday and none is scheduled for today as their war of nerves continues over Herut's demands to reduce Liberal representation in the Knesset.

Although most signs yesterday pointed to a split, the prime minister told a Kol Yisrael reporter that he was sure the dispute would be settled.

Ronnie Milo, chairman of Herut's Knesset faction, announced that if the Liberals do not hudge from the stand they took on Monday night, today's meeting of the Herut secre-

tariat will vote to go on to the polls without the Liberals.

On Monday, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy proposed that the Liberals content themselves with 12 of the first 40 slots on the Likud list and four slots of the following 10.

This was rejected by the Liberals' negotiators on the grounds that they had no mandate to agree to a worsening of their position.

Milo said there is strong pressure from Herut candidates who are in unsafe slots for abrogation of the 1965 Gahal Agreement, which defined the Liberals' representation, in order to enhance their chance of election.

Yohanan Bader, the Herut veteran, in an article in *Ma'ariv* yesterday entitled *Time for Divorce*, called "the Gahal tax" borne by Herut one of the heaviest in the country.

Using a complicated calculation, he concluded that the Liberals running on their own would elect only two candidates. In any case, he said, no knowledgeable observer gives them more than six.

Bader writes that Gahal was designed as a stepping-stone to a complete merger. But, he charged, the Liberals have repeatedly promised before election campaigns to merge with Herut after the elections, but then did nothing about it.

Bombs rain down on both halves of Beirut

BEIRUT. - Rival Christian and Moslem factions bombarded residential districts of Beirut yesterday evening after a day of sporadic sniping along the Green Line dividing the city, radio stations and eyewitnesses said.

Shells hit several areas of mainly Moslem West Beirut, including a fashionable seaford district, Beirut Radio and eyewitnesses said.

Some of the fire appeared to be directed against positions held by the largely-Moslem sixth Brigade of the army, which stood aside when Moslem militias overran West Beirut in February.

Beirut Radio said two of the brigade's barracks had been hit. A

Druse radio station said there were many casualties among the troops, but gave no details.

Schools in Christian East Beirut and nearby mountain areas closed down indefinitely yesterday in protest against the shelling which killed one schoolboy and wounded 20 of his classmates Monday.

A statement from the teachers' bureau of the Phalangist Party, which controls the eastern sector, said classes would stop until further notice.

In West Beirut many parents kept their children at home for fear the Phalangist-dominated Lebanese Forces militia would carry out a threat to retaliate if any more shells

hit the eastern sector.

Druse and Shi'ite Moslem militia leaders were quoted yesterday as appealing for the cessation of random bombardments on residential neighbourhoods of both East and West Beirut.

Similar calls were voiced by Christian leaders on Monday after a mortar shell crashed into the playground of the school in East Beirut.

Weekend bombardments on both sectors of the capital killed 19 people and wounded more than 70.

Shi'ite Moslem leader Nabih Berri was quoted as saying "heavy weapons should not be used in the capital, and it is necessary to consolidate the cease-fire." (Reuters, AP)

'Na'amat' readers choose 'best MKs'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - MKs Geula Cohen (Tehiya), Yossi Sarid (Labour), and Shulamit Aloni (CRM) contributed most to the Tenth Knesset, according to a survey done by Mina Zemah and published in the latest issue of the *Na'amat* Magazine.

Respondents were asked to pick the 12 Knesset members they thought contributed most, regardless of political opinions. Ministers and former ministers were excluded.

The others in the top dozen are: Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui), Roni Milo (Likud-Herut), Meir Shitrit (Likud-Herut), Shevah Weiss (Labour), Ehud Olmert (Likud-La'am), Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael), Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui), Ora Namir (Labour) and

Shoshana Arbeli-Almosilino (Labour).

Three of the five Alignment MKs on the list are women, and 25 per cent of the top dozen are women. This result might indicate that women's prominence in the Knesset exceeds their proportional representation in the house, or that the readers of the magazine, most of whom are women, pay more attention to MKs of their own sex.

A little over 11 per cent of the respondents said they will not vote for the party they otherwise support if it does not provide adequate representation for women. Another 12.9 per cent said they would withhold their vote if their favourite party did not include women's issues in its platform.

Habash wants Arafat deposed as PLO chief

DAMASCUS (Reuters). - George

Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) called yesterday for the ousting of Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

The PFLP's paper, *al-Hadaf*, issued the call as four terrorist groups met in Algiers to draft a common strategy before the Pales-

tine National Council meets later this year.

The weekly *al-Hadaf*, published here, said: "There is no more room for procrastination, equivocation or waste of time. Any solution to the crisis engulfing the Palestinian revolution should be based on ousting Arafat and stripping him of all his posts."

Did KGB push UK banker to his death?

LONDON (AP). - A British businessman who fell from his Moscow apartment window gave his neighbour a note two days before his death saying he knew of a traitor in the British secret service and feared for his life, an inquest heard this week.

But the British diplomats who saw Dennis Skinner's note said they thought the man was paranoid.

The death of the 54-year-old bank representative last June has prompted speculation in the British press that the KGB, the Soviet secret service, killed him to prevent him from talking about the alleged spy in British intelligence.

Valerie Cane, a diplomat's wife and neighbour of Skinner, testified that the businessman came to her door two days before his death and without speaking handed her a note. It said: "I think I'm going to be arrested as I go into the garden party

this evening. I will never get out alive. Please go immediately to the embassy and ask them to have some guards near to help me if I try to rush in."

"I will arrive about 6 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. Say I have a lot to tell them - that they have a spy in their own security forces. For God's sake do this or I am dead. Burn this immediately."

Later, at the garden party in the British Embassy grounds, Skinner told diplomat David Burnett that the Soviet authorities were pressuring him to get his wife to return to Moscow from Britain, Burnett testified.

Last October, Skinner's widow Lyudmila, a Soviet woman now in Britain, was said by a British newspaper to have been planted on him by the KGB in 1968 as a spy in the guise of a secretary. She strongly denied ever working for the KGB.

GUSH DECLINES

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He has pinned the emergence of the Jewish underground on the government.

The statement said: "The government's reluctance to adopt harsh measures because of persistent pressure from leftist groups in Israel contributed to the undermining of security and to serious cases of individuals taking the law into their own hands."

In order to prevent such phenomena in the future the government must really rule, the statement added.

The group had also decided to extend "all necessary aid" to the families of the 36 arrested. Katzover said this aid will include paying for legal counsel. Even if the detainees are sentenced to long prison terms, "we will not consider ourselves free of the duty" of helping the families,

Pro-Israeli vote at British Labour meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LONDON. - A rare victory for the Israeli lobby among left-wing Socialists was scored at the biennial Labour Party women's conference held in Swansea, Wales, over the weekend. A pro-Palestinian resolution, which the conference at first wanted to accept without debate,

was challenged by a number of delegates and finally overwhelmingly defeated.

Valerie Cocks, director of Labour Friends of Israel and a delegate at the conference, described the outcome as "very significant - the first time for many years that we have gained such a victory."

She recalled that at the last women's conference two years ago, she and other pro-Israel delegates had been insulted and threatened by pro-Arab lobbyists.

Analyzing a victory which she described as "symptomatic of a swing-back towards Israel in Labour circles," she admitted that some of it was no doubt due to the anti-Arab feeling engendered by the recent Libyan Embassy siege in London.

Co-L RISE

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With the announcement of CPI, the Treasury adjusted the travel tax to IS19,360, instead of IS16,050, effective midnight last night.

Other price indexes also registered steep increases last month. Inputs of residential building rose by 25.6 per cent, and agricultural inputs by 20.4 per cent. The wholesale price index of industrial output rose by only 14.4 per cent.

The increase in consumer prices was influenced by hikes in the prices of clothing and footwear, which rose by 49 per cent last month, marking the beginning of the summer season. Health services were up by 23.7 per cent, fruits and vegetables by 22.2 per cent.

Housing prices rose considerably, by 25.6 per cent. But bureau officials pointed out that in dollars, housing prices have been stable in recent months, dropping by about 2 per cent.

MK Gad Ya'acobi, a possible Alignment candidate for the finance ministry called the inflation figures a sign of the Likud's failure. "Cohen-Orgad is under pressure, and he is looking for an alibi," Ya'acobi added after he heard that the minister had said that the Histadrut's failure to sign a package deal accord on wages, prices and taxes was to blame for the high rate of inflation.

The official Treasury reaction to the inflation statistics was that April has always been a month of large price hikes. It added that it has succeeded in attaining several objectives, such as an improvement in the balance of payments, and that had the Histadrut signed a "social compact" agreement, the efforts against inflation would have succeeded as well.

During the coming months, the rapid increase in prices will continue, though rises registered in the summer months are usually the lowest of the year.

According to Central Bureau of Statistics estimates, May prices have already increased by some 7.5 per cent, which means that by the end of the month they will probably climb by 10 to 11 per cent, as compared to 5 to 6 per cent for the same month during recent years.

Bureau officials said yesterday that the inflation rate is now running at an average monthly rate of some 12 to 15 per cent, which if it continues, would mean a 350 to 400 per cent total for 1984.

The Manufacturers Association yesterday sharply criticized Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt for statements accusing the industrialists of being a prime factor in feeding the inflationary spiral. The association spokesmen pointed out that the industrial wholesale index rose considerably less than the consumer price index.

Moreover, since September, 1983, the two indices rose at the same rate, proving that the industrialists did not contribute to the inflationary spiral.

The association further charged that "political statements" by other politicians in the last few months, who also echoed Patt's accusations, only proved that these politicians had not studied the situation, other than in a most superficial fashion.

Association president Eli Hurvitz added that while exporters have achieved a considerable rise in shipments over the past few months, the companies' balance sheets show that they are not making profit.

Hurvitz also said that inflation was imposing a heavy burden on industrialists.

Avner Ben-Yakar, chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, said yesterday that the "government is directly responsible for the huge jump in the index. Not only has the government done nothing to restrain inflation, but it has even been responsible for giving inflation a push," he said.

Since May 1977 consumer prices have increased 223 times (or 22,392 per cent).

In Yigal Cohen-Orgad's seven months at the Treasury, prices rose by 167 per cent, which is more or less the cumulative rate of inflation for the years 1960 to 1973.



Hare Krishna cult members parade down Rehov Dizengoff in Tel Aviv yesterday.

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elected chairman of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim. The Likud faction left the hall before the vote, protesting that it was not on the agenda.

In his acceptance speech, Kessar said that the importance of the individual and the independence of the Histadrut will be central themes during his tenure.

The basis of the Histadrut's independence is its self-sufficiency, Kessar said. He warned that any attempt to limit the authority of the Histadrut "will be met with uncompromising opposition."

He called for a strengthening of the country's weaker strata through the trade unions, the development of the national economy through Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, and the strengthening of social security through the Histadrut's mutual aid enterprises.

The Histadrut will not allow the erosion of workers' salaries and will fight unemployment, Kessar said. The challenge, he said, was to "complete and harmonize" with the European Common Market, where the workers' higher salaries are justified by their efficiency.

Mesheh stressed that his decision to resign before the end of his term was made freely. "No one in the central committee asked me to leave early," he said. "I am doing it because I want to."

Yesterday's over-packed meeting of the executive was attended by former secretary-general Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, who revealed that he had hoped when he left office to be succeeded by Kessar.

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ment, can say that our doors are open."

The congress wound up late Monday night with a state banquet hosted by Moroccan Crown Prince Mohammed. It was also attended by Moroccan Prime Minister Karim Lamrani, and a number of other cabinet members. Rumored plans for a meeting between the Israelis and King Hassan, however, apparently failed to materialize.

In Damascus, meanwhile, Syria asked the Arab League to put the Rabat conference on the agenda of an Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis scheduled for this Saturday, the official Syrian press said. On Monday, the Syrian government recalled its ambassador in Morocco in protest.

The Syrian press, quoting an official source, said Damascus "views with extreme anxiety the seriousness of this step which the Moroccan regime has undertaken." Rabat was flying in the face of the resolutions of Arab summits, the Islamic Conference Organization and the Jerusalem Committee, the source was quoted as saying.

The Jerusalem Committee, set up by the ICO to counter Israeli claims to East Jerusalem, is chaired by King Hassan.

There has so far been no official Moroccan comment on the Syrian moves or on criticism from radical Palestinian groups in Damascus.

Commenting on the Syrian decision, Shitrit said: "Syria is a bad example of the relationship between Arabs and Jews, and I hope Morocco will not be intimidated by the step Damascus has taken."

Labour MK Yossi Sarid also hoped "Morocco will not be discouraged and will continue its efforts in favour of a dialogue between Arabs and Jews. The aim of our visit here is precisely to overcome this kind of hostility towards rapprochement, and we are disappointed, because Arab reaction had been relatively mild until now," he added.

In Riyadh, the official Saudi press agency meanwhile denied any prior knowledge of the Israeli visit to Morocco. In Rabat on Monday, Sarid had said he was "sure King Hassan would not have allowed us to be invited if he did not have the approval of Saudi Arabia and the PLO."

Labour to unveil list today

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Labour Party's Knesset list will be unveiled here this evening at a meeting of the party's central committee in the Ohel Shalom hall.

The party's appointments committee, which has been charged with choosing half of the candidates and ranking them together with candidates chosen by the party branches, met all day yesterday until late at night.

The members of the four-man committee - party chairman Shimon Peres, party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and former president Yitzhak Navon - have observed strict secrecy. No indication of the list's composition has leaked from the room in which they are meeting. Rabin refused to discuss the com-

mittee's work during a Hevrat Ha'Ovdim luncheon yesterday, saying only that "there will be surprises and disappointments."

There is little doubt that the central committee will approve the list tonight. But several members and special interest groups have threatened to vote against the list if their demands for including particular names are not met. Some groups, such as Labour women and the Young Guard, have said that they will consider voting against the list in the elections if they do not receive increased representation.

In the past, the candidates submitted by the party branches have often been crowded at the bottom of the list in "unrealistic" places. Labour has decided to regard the first 60 names on the list as "safe," though Mapam candidates still have to be included to make up the Labour Alignment list.

Rabin: We could pull out in six months

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A Labour Alignment government could withdraw the army from Lebanon within about six months of entering office, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday. Rabin warned that no government could guarantee that "no Katyushas will fall on Galilee," but he said that security could be maintained.

Speaking to a luncheon club of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, Rabin accused the government of trying to evade facing its failure to achieve its goals in Lebanon - goals which Rabin said were themselves foreign to Israel. "The use of the army as a tool to achieve political goals is foreign to

us. As a military man I can say that the best war is an avoided war," he declared.

Withdrawal from Lebanon would save the country \$200-250 million a year, Rabin said. He stressed that the economy cannot be healed without cutting the state budget by at least one third - and that means cutting the defence budget.

The security value of the settlements in the heart of Judea and Samaria is "less than the security value of Afula," Rabin said. The real problem lies along the Jordan River, where the government has done little to develop settlements.

Rabin also charged the government with missing opportunities for dialogue with Israel's neighbours.

Ben-Porat list urges national unity government

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Knesset Member Mordechai Ben-Porat has decided to run for the 11th Knesset at the head of the Movement for Zionist Social Renewal, in the hope of forcing the two major parties to form a national unity government.

"I, as a lone Knesset member, did more than anyone else to bring the Alignment and Likud together last time," he told a press conference here yesterday. "There was a 50-50 chance and I think the failure was mostly for reasons of personalities."

He said a proliferation of small lists, particularly lists headed by political personalities with a record of achievement and followers, will increase for as long as the current electoral system remains. Only per-

sonal elections based on constituencies will make the large parties really representative of the people, he said.

Ben-Porat said his movement supports neither annexation nor territorial compromise in Judea and Samaria. The IDF should be dominant there and should control the water sources, he said, but all other matters should be left to the local Arab residents.

Asked if he was approached by Ezer Weizman, he said his only contact with Weizman was to buy a good car from him.

Only two MKs show up in plenum yesterday

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In one of the strangest and shortest Knesset sessions ever held, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt decided not to tell an empty chamber about his ministry's activities for fiscal 1984. While 19 Knesset members had signed up to respond to Patt's speech, only two MKs were in the chamber to hear him. The entire session took 32 minutes.

The bizarre situation arose minutes after Acting Speaker Moshe Shalal rapped his gavel to open the session. The first (and the day's only) scheduled speaker was Patt.

Armed with his 42-page speech, Patt was about to begin when he looked up and discovered that only two out of 120 Knesset members were in the chamber. "My staff and I worked many days and nights to prepare this report. Is this the best you can do?" Patt asked Shalal.

The acting speaker nodded in sympathy and began calling the names of the 19 members who had applied to the presidium earlier in the week for the opportunity to respond to Patt's address. But, none — of the potential critics of the speech — including Yigael Hurvitz and Adi Amori — were to be found, even after summoning bells kept ringing in the crowded cafeteria, where the MKs were busy discussing the record April consumer price index surge, and other subjects, such as election politics.

Insisting he was not bitter at the parliamentary cold shoulder he was given, Patt said introspectively "So many Knesset members like to sound off on economic issues. Yet only two bothered to come and hear about what is going on in the economy. I am more sorry than angry."

Mr. Speaker, and wish to exercise my right of by-passing this rostrum and have my remarks entered directly into the official protocol.

Shalal hastily summoned Knesset legal advisers for a consultation which included a search of the Knesset rules. It turned out that Patt was within his rights and the speech was sent upstairs to the recording unit for publication in the official protocol of the day.

The entire drama lasted exactly 16 minutes, and was followed by a routine reading of three announcements relating to technicalities of executive orders issued in connection with existing laws.

The announcements took another 16 minutes, and by 4:32 p.m. — as a few bored deputies began sauntering in — all that could be heard was the staccato of Acting Speaker Shalal's gavel announcing that the Knesset session of Tuesday, May 15, was "hereby declared over." Patt's undelivered speech said of the proposed free trade zone arrangement with the U.S. that "it is our hope" that the no-tariff pact would be in effect sometime in 1985.

New investment in industry during 1983 reached \$1.1 billion, an increase of 19 per cent over 1982, Patt reported.

As for ministry policy on new manufacturing enterprises in Judea and Samaria, Patt denied that such plants would draw manpower and investments away from development towns. "We do not allow transfer of any enterprise planned for development areas to Judea and Samaria or anywhere else. Only factories and workshops originally intended for the central area are given the green light to enter the administered areas, Patt said.

Yad Vashem archives get U.S. Nazi-trial records

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Justice Department yesterday turned over to Yad Vashem the first copies of records of the prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in the U.S.

"The documents and testimony contained in these trial records will, for generations to come, serve as irrefutable evidence of the darkest period in modern history and will hopefully enhance the already extensive holdings of Yad Vashem," Attorney-General William French Smith said in handing over the documents to Ambassador Meir Rosenne

and representatives of Yad Vashem.

The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) was formed in 1979 to prosecute Nazi war criminals residing in the U.S. Smith and Neil Sher, director of OSI, said that Yad Vashem had played an important role since then in assisting the Justice Department, especially in gathering evidence and locating witnesses.

In appreciation of this assistance, Smith said, the OSI's documents would be given to Yad Vashem for its archival collection. The first such papers were presented yesterday.

Arens lauds R&D, but says defence comes first

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that the Israeli-designed Lavi fighter aircraft, scheduled for its first flight in two years, will "possibly be the most advanced in the world." He was speaking at the dedication of two chairs at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Arens said that the Lavi was made possible by the great strides in education and research and development in Israel over the past few years. He nevertheless emphasized the need to cut social and education-

al expenditures rather than defence spending.

The chairs dedicated were the Andre Feher chair for the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and the Eugene Hecht chair in clinical pharmacology.

In the afternoon, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis was the guest of honour at the dedication of the Weiler/Arnold medical education building.

The events are part of the 14th annual meeting of BGU's board of governors.

Sharon says U.S. knew of arms sales to Iran

BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut (Reuter).

— Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon said last night that Israel had supplied weapons to Iran in the past with the knowledge of the U.S. government.

In a synagogal appearance here, Sharon said there were several reasons for the sales, including a desire to prevent Iraq from winning

its long war with Iran. He said the sales took place "years in the past."

"It would be a serious mistake to let the Iraqis win the war," Sharon said. "If the Iraqis win the war, we would find the Soviets on the Persian border."

About 60 Peace Now supporters demonstrated during Sharon's appearance.

Population down in Jewish Galilee towns

UPPER NAZARETH (Itim). — A report by the Central Bureau of Statistics that Galilee last year again lost some of its Jewish population is causing concern among local residents and officials.

The report said that in 1983 almost all Jewish localities in Galilee lost population, including Kiryat Shmona, Safad, Afula and Upper Nazareth. Migdal Haemek gained 70 residents.

Menahem Ariav, mayor of Upper Nazareth, said yesterday that only improved living and working conditions could bring Jews to leave the central part of the country and move to Galilee. He also demanded tax concessions for those living here.

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Bezael honours chairman

Post Art Editor

The Board of Governors of the Bezael Academy of Arts and Design met on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem yesterday to confer the title of Worthy of Bezael on its chairman, Romie Shapiro. Shapiro is also chairman of the Friends of the Bezael in the U.S., as well as a member of the International Council of the Israel Museum.

Two honorary fellowships of the academy were also conferred at yesterday's ceremony on leading U.S. graphic artist and film title pioneer Saul Bass and U.S. architect Prof. Charles Moore, famed for his designs for living in and beside the water.

'UFO' spotted at dawn northwest of capital

"I wouldn't have believed my eyes if another watchman next to me hadn't seen it," Michael Gai, 40, of Givon said yesterday.

What he saw, he said, was an enormous cone-shaped object with a large light hanging from its base speed through the sky above Givon — northwest of Jerusalem.

Gai and another watchman were doing guard duty. At dawn yesterday, the "unidentified flying object" raced through the sky without a sound from west to east, Gai said. (Itim)



Tel Aviv University students whoop it up on campus yesterday, as music, dance and theatre performers took part in the annual Student Day celebrations. (Samy Schwartz, IPPA)

Professor tells meeting on Holocaust in Hungary: Yishuv could have saved more Jews

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The former Palestine Jewish leadership unwittingly contributed to the deaths of Hungarian Jews in World War II by its unpreparedness and lack of action, Dr. Raphael Vago yesterday told the international conference being held at the Haifa University to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the destruction of Hungarian Jewry.

Vago, a lecturer in modern East European history at Tel Aviv University, cited the Yishuv's internal political strife and its poor assessment of the danger as the cause of its inadequate response to the plight of Hungarian Jewry.

He stressed that the "tragedy" occurred during the last phase of the war when the lessons of preceding events should have mobilized the Yishuv and its leadership.

Despite the difficulties posed by distance, lack of funds and the hos-

tile character of British rule, the Jews in Palestine at the time could have done more to help rescue Hungarian Jews and direct their resistance.

"Instead, it seems, the Yishuv was embroiled in the internal political strife accompanying its search for scapegoats and the preparation of a safe homeland for the remnants of European Jewry who would somehow be saved," he said.

Vago charged that the leading bodies of the Yishuv — the Jewish Agency and its executive and the United Rescue Committee — were willing to pin the blame on Hungarian Jewry for this lack of action rather than accept some of the responsibility.

He maintained that the impotence of the United Rescue Committee was largely due to the political divisions within the establishment. The accusations of various immigrant associations, including those from

Hungary, that their suggestions went unheeded indicated the mutual distrust and lack of coordination within the establishment at that time.

Earlier the conference heard a lecture by Prof. Gyorgy Ranki, of the Hungarian Academy of Science in Budapest. He said that without the active support of the Hungarian Army and gendarmes, and the deep-rooted traditional anti-Semitism of much of the Hungarian population, the Nazis would not have succeeded in destroying more than half a million Jews in such a short time.

The conference moves today to Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot where it will hear members of the Zionist underground in Hungary tell their personal experiences. The conference will end tomorrow at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem with a round table discussion on the various aspects of the attempts to rescue Hungarian Jewry.

LAHAD

he refused to explain why his army was still too small.

There was no relationship at all between him and the Lebanese government in Beirut, Lahad admitted. But by handing over the Saraya, he was helping it restore its authority. "I am Lebanese before anything. If the people of Sidon want me to stay, I will stay."

Lahad, who is retired from the Lebanese Army, became angry when he was asked about his relationship with his former commanders. "Which army are you referring to?" he challenged. "The Shiite in West Beirut, the Christians in East Beirut or all those soldiers who are at home? Our army of Southern Lebanon is the only one which consists of people from all religions and all sects. It is the only army which can act wherever it is needed."

The Lebanese Army barracks in Sidon and elsewhere in the South would not be closed although no soldiers were stationed there now, he said. While political parties would be free to resume their activities, "no one would be armed."

Asked what he hoped for from the new government in Beirut, Lahad said "It should help the people of the South and not make political decisions without taking into account the reality in the area."

By that he obviously meant Israel's interests which, despite the reduced IDF presence inside Sidon, will remain a dominant factor in the area's immediate future.

Nearly two years after the invasion when some Israeli soldiers were showered with sweets, rice and welcoming smiles, now they can hardly wait to get out of a country which appears to have lost its romantic appeal. Although reconstruction and commerce continue apace, Southern Lebanon is still overwhelmingly squalid, dusty and sad.

In central Sidon, security appeared entirely to be in the hands of Lahad's men, kitted out from head to toe in Israeli-supplied equipment. At the encampments at the Zaharani River to which the IDF is most likely to withdraw from its line along the Awali River north of Sidon, soldiers watch the passing traffic from behind heavy machine-guns mounted on Centurion tanks stripped of their cannon and turret.

As soon as Lahad had completed his remarks, the IDF escort officers shepherding yesterday's party of journalists were insisting, "Let's get out of here. Drive as fast as possible until we're out of Sidon."

There seems little doubt that without the 250,000-odd residents of this ancient city, they and their commanders will feel a lot safer.

Two charged with break-ins, violent robberies

TEL AVIV. (Itim). — Two Holon youths were charged in district court here yesterday with a number of burglaries and brutal robberies of elderly victims.

Avraham "Noga" Sasson, 21, and Tzafir Cohen, 22, were charged with over 15 separate crimes, including: assaulting a woman on a dark street and tearing a gold chain from her neck after noticing it previously when they sat behind her in a cinema; binding and gagging an 80-year-old woman at 2 a.m. in her apartment, after entering through a window, and making off with IS500, a wristwatch and telephone tokens; robbing another elderly woman of two gold chains and a bracelet, injuring her in the jaw and tearing her shirt.

The court will decide today on a prosecution request that the pair be held in jail until the end of their trial.

Golan Druse give up Israeli citizenship

MAJDAL SHAMS (Itim). — A number of Druse in the Golan Heights have recently given up their Israeli citizenship after being subject to growing pressure and ostracism from other Druse.

A resident of this village, Moreh Druk, said he was forced to give up his Israeli citizenship after the village notables refused to hold a religious funeral for his son as long as he was an Israeli citizen.

Pro-Israeli Druse in the Golan Heights have repeatedly asked Israeli authorities to help stop the increase in pro-Syrian sentiment in the area.

WORKSHOP. — Ten educators, social-service professionals and academics from the U.S., South Africa and Turkey are participating in the Second International Workshop of the Home Instruction Programme for Preschool Youngsters, which has opened at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Three students convicted of raping tourist

HAIFA (Itim). — Three students from Kfar Mailya were yesterday found guilty of raping a Norwegian tourist under aggravated circumstances. The Haifa District Court will pass sentence in mid-June.

Antoine Kasis, 25, Kamal Mata, 20 and Michel Kasis, 24, were charged with the crime after the woman complained to police in May a year ago. In Israel, as a volunteer at Kibbutz Sa'ad, she was acquainted with Antoine Kasis, a student at Haifa University who invited her to his apartment. During the course of the evening, she was attacked and raped.

Although the court — Judges Amnon Carmi, Haim Pizam, and Uri Kitai — found contradictions in her testimony, they accepted it as the basis for the conviction. The woman was in shock and tired when she complained to the police, which led to the contradictions, they said.

U.S. ship in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The U.S. Sixth Fleet assault ship and helicopter carrier USS Nassau arrived here for a five-day visit yesterday.

The ship has a crew of 1,250 seamen and 1,250 marines. Its commanding officer and the commander of the marines on board paid a courtesy call on deputy mayor Erich Loeb yesterday.

AMNESTY. — Forty rebels have surrendered to authorities in southern Sudan following a general amnesty declared by Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri in March, the official Sudanese news agency has reported.

Jerusalem Day to focus on Ethiopian immigrants

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ethiopian Jewish immigrants will be the focus of this year's Jerusalem Day celebrations, scheduled for May 30, planners of the event announced yesterday. Other Jewish communities will be feted as well, reporters heard from Information Authority director Ya'acov Shatz, David Admon, head of the Year of Israel's Unity committee, and Arye Zimuki, representing the World Zionist Organization.

Central events on the holiday, which marks the unification of the city following the Six-Day War, will be an assembly at the Western Wall and another at Ammunition Hill, site of a 1967 battle.

Thousands of young people and immigrants are expected to come to a series of tours, meetings and marches, with mass assemblies planned for the Sultan's Pool and the Mt. Scopus amphitheatre. In one such

gathering, Ethiopians and other young people from development towns are to meet in the Jewish Agency courtyard.

Other Jerusalem Day events will include the awarding of the Shazar Prize for Jewish education in the Diaspora to Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen, by President Chaim Herzog at the presidential residence, and the hosting of foreign tourists in the homes of Jerusalemites.

Also disclosed at the press conference were plans for Zionism Day, set for July 19, the 80th anniversary of Theodore Herzl's death. In contrast to previous years, when the date was marked by a simple ceremony, this year a large gathering is being planned for the evening of July 18.

Shatz also noted that next year, the nation will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the fall of Nazi Germany, and 1986 will be the "year of the arts."

Haifa councillor urges: Flats for Arab couples

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Rakah (Communist Party) councillor, Zahi Karkaby, yesterday protested against the exclusion of Arab newlyweds from inexpensive apartments the city is to make available to young couples.

In a letter to Mayor Arye Gurel, Karkaby said the criteria laid down by the city executive exclude Arabs, because the apartments are to be granted only to young husbands who have served in the Israel Defence Forces. He denounced this provision as "illegal, immoral and racist."

The city executive is to distribute 160 flats which it received from the Histadrut's Shikun Ovdim in return for municipal land.

'Kolbotek' returns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Kolbotek consumer programme last night returned to the television screen after two consecutive weeks of blackouts. But viewers were not able to satisfy their curiosity about the contents of the controversial Preferred Business segment, the legal implications of which are still pending.

With the exception of a special programme devoted to the Israel Festival, all programmes went on the air as scheduled. Sanctions by television staffers during the past few days precluded the editing of the Israel Festival programme, which will be screened at a later date. A stand-by segment of the Muppets was aired in place.

Labour youth group marks 60 years

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Thousands of graduates from the Hano'ar Ha'oved Vehlomed (working and studying youth) movement are expected to attend the organization's 60th anniversary celebrations this weekend at Kibbutz Ein Gedi, movement secretary Yeshayahu Ronen announced yesterday.

Ein Gedi was chosen to symbolize the movement's emphasis on rural settlement, he explained. Five other kibbutzim and two Nahal outposts along the Dead Sea are populated by graduates.

The movement currently has 170 chapters around the country, with 110,000 members, said Yitzhak Nishri, chairman of its public committee. Of the 2,800 Nahal settlement groups to have passed through

the army since Israel's establishment, he added, one-fourth sprung from Hano'ar Ha'oved Vehlomed, he added.

Newly elected Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar was a member of the youth movement. Nishri told journalists here, as was Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and five leading Likud members.

The youth movement, which currently has 20 settlement nuclei in the army, is now also active in urban neighbourhoods and development towns, where its members work with underprivileged youth.

The movement is planning a new settlement in the Arava, to be named Ma'aleh Harif, after Mousa Harif, killed in a car accident last year.

No propaganda in school, Zamir warns

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir

yesterday conveyed to principals and teachers at all the country's public schools a reminder that election propaganda in such educational institutions is forbidden. On Monday, the Education Ministry sent its own directive to principals charging them with making sure the law is observed.

In a letter to the Education Ministry's legal adviser Arye Brick, Zamir noted that the ban applies not only to direct propaganda, but to any invitation, until the July 23 election, of a person standing for the Knesset to

lecture or take part in a discussion in school.

Also forbidden are invitations to persons who might reasonably be expected to engage in election propaganda, even if the official reason for their coming is unconnected to politics.

A principal or teacher found to violate the law is liable to prosecution, and if convicted, to a six-month prison term or a IS200,000 fine. In addition, a disciplinary hearing in either a civil service or local authority court is possible.

Suspects arrested in assault on IDF officer

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two Gaza Strip residents were arrested at 6 a.m. yesterday as suspects in Monday's assault of a reserve officer by hitchhikers who also stole his car.

The two suspects, aged 22, reportedly work at a bakery in Or Yehuda, near where the hitchhikers were picked up on Monday evening. The assailants overpowered the officer, 37, who had just completed

his army service and was on his way home to Rehovot, beat him and threw him out of the car. He managed on his own to get to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, where he is still being treated.

The victim was in satisfactory condition last night, a hospital spokesman announced. He was admitted suffering from scratches, bruises and rib injuries.

Uzan to Tunisia: Follow Morocco's example

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan yesterday called on Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba to receive an Israeli delegation, following the example of King Hassan II of Morocco.

"Israel should look for all possible

ways to achieve close relations with the Arabs. I would be very happy if Bourguiba took a step similar to that of King Hassan of Morocco, and I am ready to stand at the head of such a delegation," Uzan said during a tour of the North.

Uzan came to Israel from his native Tunisia in 1949.

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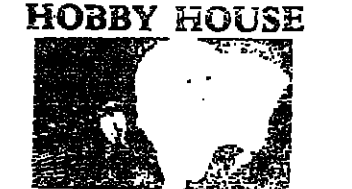
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91 die as president's party faces shock defeats
Marcos accused of election cheating

MANILA (Reuters). — Opposition leaders accused the ruling party of President Ferdinand Marcos of trying to cheat its way to victory in the Philippine parliamentary elections last night as it faced shock defeats in the major cities.

Gen. Fidel Ramos, head of the Philippine constabulary, announced yesterday that 91 people had been killed and 24 wounded in election day violence.

Two-thirds of those killed were soldiers ambushed by Communist guerrillas across the islands. The others included 16 rebels and 15 civilians.

With about one-third of the vote counted, unofficial returns provided by a citizen's watchdog body showed the opposition and independent candidates leading in about 90 of the 183 National Assembly seats at stake. The president's New Society Movement (KBL) was ahead in 70.

But opponents of the president said ballot counting across the country had suddenly slowed and they were suspicious of attempts to cheat them out of victory.

Hundreds of opposition supporters gathered outside the Election Commission headquarters in Manila for a candlelight protest at what they said were attempts to cheat. Salvador Laurel, president of the United Nationalist Democratic organization (Unido) told Reuters that Marcos was planning "something evil" to frustrate the will of the people.

A government report, carried by the Philippines news agency, differed from early returns compiled by the independent watchdog group that showed a majority of opposition candidates ahead after the Monday election.

But both reports showed opponents of Marcos' 18-year rule ahead in a surprising number of races for 183 seats in the assembly.

Marcos, in a U.S. television interview, projected a 114-45 majority for his party and said the election results allow him to "truthfully say that we have presented to the world the... free democracy."

The government agency said Marcos candidates were leading in 99 of 183 races. Laurel said the new-

found opposition strength in the polls was "beyond our hopes and wildest imagination."

But Laurel, who had projected only a 30 per cent victory, saying he expected government cheating, warned against "monkey business" that might change the results.

Laurel led about 500 marchers to the Election Commission offices, where he and other opposition leaders insisted that vote-counting be resumed in areas where they claimed local officials had stopped it.

Waving signs reading "Thou shalt not cheat" and "Stop the fraud," the marchers hooted and waved their arms to a jungle drumbeat and then marched with torches to city hall, where some votes were being counted.

Official results will be announced within the next few days. Election Commission chairman Vicente Santiago cautioned against unofficial returns that he said might "confuse the people." But even pro-government news media were reporting the apparent success of non-Marcos candidates.

Martial law authorities block publication
Turkish intellectuals lash army rule

ANKARA (Reuters). — Turkish martial law authorities yesterday halted publication of an unprecedented petition by a group of 1,256 intellectuals criticizing measures taken under military rule, including press censorship, newspaper editors said.

The five-page petition, signed by leading academics, artists, lawyers, journalists, doctors and others, was handed in at the president's palace and the parliamentary speaker's office this morning a spokesman for the group said.

Within hours, newspaper and news agency editors said they had been told by martial law authorities not to publish the petition until there was an official statement on the issue. There was no indication as to when the statement would be made.

In contrast to the official line that Turkey is firmly on the way back to full democracy, the petition said the country "is experiencing one of its

gravest crises, one from which it has not yet recovered."

The signatories, describing themselves as intellectuals and saying the document had not been inspired by any political group, also said they feared that torture had become habitual in the treatment of prisoners.

It was the first time since the 1980 military coup that such public and detailed opposition to reforms brought in by the generals had been expressed.

The petition said all levels of Turkish society shared responsibility for the parliamentary stagnation and political violence that prompted the coup. But it criticized methods adopted under military rule to correct them.

"We fear that it may have become habitual for torture to be used as an extra-judicial, prior and primitive form of punishment... Necessary measures must be taken to put an

end to every kind of torture completely," the petition said.

The petition, signed by people such as former economic affairs minister Hikmet Cetin and ex-Ankara University dean Cevat Geray, called for the principle of innocence before guilt is proven to be respected, for an extensive amnesty and for an end to capital punishment and lengthy mass trials.

The document attacked new laws imposing political curbs on professional associations, trade unions and certain individuals. It also criticized press censorship and called for state radio and television to be made autonomous.

It attacked a new centralized administration for the country's universities. "Claiming that they do not deserve to govern themselves implies a denial of the idea that democracy can function in our country," the petition said.

Kidnapped couple freed

WASHINGTON. — A kidnapped American couple was released yesterday in the Sri Lankan town of Jaffna by their Sri Lankan captors, the State Department announced.

Department spokesman John Hughes said that Stanley and Mary Elizabeth Allen are in good spirits, in good health, and they're obviously overjoyed to be alive and free.

Hughes expressed the "heartfelt thanks" of the U.S. government, to the governments of Sri Lanka and India for "close cooperation in freeing the Allens," who had been held by Tamil separatist guerrillas. The Allens had been held for five days by guerrillas who threatened to

kill them.

The couple who married two months ago and came from Columbus, Ohio, were seized at gunpoint from their home in Jaffna by a group called the People's Liberation Army.

The kidnappers demanded the release of 20 of their colleagues held by the Sri Lanka government and \$2 million ransom in gold.

The Allens were handed over to the Catholic bishop of Jaffna, National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said in Colombo.

"I will get them to Colombo first thing tomorrow morning," he said. (AP Reuter)

Soviets put more nukes in E. Germany

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union has announced that it is placing more nuclear missiles in East Germany, saying the move came in response to the increased deployment of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

Soviet troops began manning nuclear weapons in East Germany and Czechoslovakia in January as part of a response to U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles.

The official Soviet news agency Tass reported briefly on Monday that East Berlin and Moscow had agreed on stationing "an additional number of Soviet enhanced-range

theatre missile complexes" in East Germany.

Western military experts in Moscow have said this description best fits the SS-20, a new missile with a range of 1,000 kilometres.

Tass said Warsaw Pact nations were "compelled to adopt retaliatory measures" because of continuing U.S. deployment.

In Brussels, defence ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization yesterday opened a one-day meeting to discuss greater arms cooperation among the European allies and to review Europe's role in the defence of the West. (Reuters, AP)

Explorer ends solo walk to North Pole

LONDON (AP). — British explorer David Hopleman-Adams yesterday became the first person to complete a solo walk to the magnetic North Pole over the Arctic icecap, aides reported.

Nicholas Schoon, his spokesman based at the explorer's hometown at Bristol in western England, said Hopleman-Adams arrived at the magnetic North Pole after a gruelling 402-kilometre walk across the frozen Arctic wasteland.

On May 7, the explorer fell through a layer of sea ice as it began melting at the start of the Arctic

summer some 160km. from his goal.

The explorer, although badly shaken, managed to clamber to safety. On another occasion, he had to shoot a marauding polar bear.

The magnetic North Pole is roughly 1,600km. from the geographic North Pole on ice-covered Bathurst Island in Canada's Northwest Territories.

SENTENCED — Tunisian courts have sentenced several youths to between five and 30 years of forced labour for looting and arson during January's "bread riots."

Chinese premier calls for change in wage structure

PEKING (AP). — Premier Zhao Ziyang, in his annual report, called for an end to industrial egalitarianism in Communist China, urged bolder use of foreign funds, and defended last year's campaign against "spiritual pollution."

Zhao was addressing the opening of a new session of the National People's Congress, China's legislature. The official Xinhua news agency reported excerpts of his speech.

His report on the work of the government in the past year outlined economic reforms in the cities to expand the five-year-old rural reforms once deemed as capitalism by the leftists who ran the country in the 1960s and 1970s.

He said the central task in changing the urban economy was to eliminate the practice of making no distinction between well-run and badly-run enterprises and between workers doing more and those doing less.

Starting from the fourth quarter of

1984, he said firms will pay tax to the state instead of delivering profits.

Workers will be paid in accordance with their output, doing away with egalitarianism, he said.

Speaking a week after Soviet First Deputy Premier Ivan Arkhipov called off a visit to Peking at the last moment, Zhao said China wanted better relations with Moscow.

But the Soviets still station massive troops along the Chinese and Mongolian borders, back Vietnamese "aggression" in Cambodia and along the Chinese border, and continue the "armed occupation" of China's neighbour, Afghanistan, he said.

The Congress, with some 3,000 delegates, has little real power. But it is portrayed by the Communist Party as a decision-making authority of elected delegates from cities, towns and provinces. It hears and approves reports by Communist leaders and adopts laws and personnel changes.

Iraq blames Iran for hitting tankers

BAGHDAD (AP). — Iraq yesterday accused Iran of attacking two Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Gulf this week, saying it was an effort to "disturb relations between Arab states."

The state-controlled Arabic-language daily newspaper Al-Iraq, said in an editorial that such an attack would "serve the strategic Iranian goal of disrupting the Gulf's security."

The Kuwaiti government-owned oil tanker Bahra was hit by two rockets from an unidentified jetfighter Monday while sailing to Kuwait across the Gulf waters. The Kuwaiti tanker Umm Casbah came under a similar attack some 30 earlier.

The Kuwait National Assembly yesterday denounced an unidentified power — believed to be Iran — for rocketing the two Kuwaiti tankers, prodding the government to take firm action and protect the country's security and interests.

The Saudi Arabian government was also discussing this latest threat to Gulf shipping and the issue was expected to figure prominently when Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan arrived in Kuwait.

Mass defections from Gandhi's party to Sikh extremist

AMRITSAR (AP). — Paramilitary police patrolled eight curfew-bound cities in India's troubled Punjab state yesterday after 11 people were killed and 50 wounded in Sikh terrorist attacks.

Meanwhile, hundreds of members of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party resigned en masse and joined the camp of Sikh extremist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

Addressing the new adherents in the Golden Temple, Bhindranwale pledged to intensify his armed struggle against the government. He has been accused by police of masterminding terrorist violence in Punjab.

The defections demonstrated Bhindranwale's growing political base in the Sikh-majority state. Earlier, the Akali Dal, the main Sikh party, openly split when 172 key religious and political functionaries revolted against the moderate party leadership and defected to Bhindranwale.

DEMAND. — Relatives of 26 Japanese who died in the Soviet downing of a Korean Air Lines plane last September have demanded a total of \$11.9 million in compensation, their attorney said yesterday in Tokyo.

Sports

Latin magic

By PAUL KOHN

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli soccer aficionados will have a chance to see some South American wizardry at the Bloomfield Stadium today at 4.45 p.m., when Santos play the Israel National soccer team. For most of the Israeli squad, this will be their first encounter with top Latin American soccer players.

The Santos attack will be spearheaded by Pita, with the diminutive Gersinho spelling danger down the right wing. The great Paulo Isadoro will be the kingpin in the visitor's defence, and Rodolpho Rodriguez will be in goal.

Israel's national coach Yosef Miromowitz gathered 22 players at Kibbutz Shifayim yesterday. He will only make his final selection today, but will probably opt for players whom he thinks can counter the ball-juggling of the visitors.

The attack is expected to come from Zahi Arneli, Eli Ohana, Vicky Peretz, Benny Tabak and Gil Landau, supported by Uri Malmilian, Moshe Sinai and Nissim Cohen in midfield. Avi Cohen, the captain, will be in the pivot in the defence.

Italian Open

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and Agencies

Shlomo Glickstein, the Israeli tennis star, is playing in the \$300,000 Italian Open which began on Monday in Rome.

Australian Pat Cash became the first seeded player to go out of the championships when he was surprisingly beaten by 18-year-old Swiss-born Italian player Claudio Mezzadri, who received a wild card entry into the tournament. Mezzadri was taught the game by his father, Marcos, a former professional footballer with Bologna who is now a tennis coach. The youth chose to play tennis for Italy rather than Switzerland and the Rome crowd gave him a great reception as he beat Cash 6-4, 6-2.

Celtics are through

Post Sports Staff

The Boston Celtics advanced to the final of the NBA Eastern Division by defeating the New York Knicks 121-104 in their critical seventh game in Boston. The Celtics won all four home games.

Larry Bird was flying as high as usual, contributing 39 points to Boston's winning score. 28 of them in the first quarter. Robert Parish weighed in with 22 and Dennis Johnson with 21.

The Milwaukee Bucks are the next obstacle Boston must surmount if they hope to obtain a 15th NBA title. The first two games against the Bucks are in Boston, so they may get off to a flying start.

Cruyff's farewell

ROTTERDAM (AP). — Johan Cruyff, one of the greatest soccer players of all time, who has announced his retirement, crowned his career by scoring a goal in his final first class appearance. He did this for Feyenoord Rotterdam against Pec Zwolle. Feyenoord won 2-1. They have already won both the league and the cup.

In England, F.A. cup finalist Everton warmed up for Saturday's final against Westford by beating West Ham United 1-0, thus finishing seventh in the league. English star Trevor Brooking, also retired, ended his distinguished 18-year career on the losing side. Southampton, competing with Manchester United for the second spot in the league, garnered three precious points with a 3-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion.

Windle menace

LONDON (AP). — The West Indies touring team flew into London and warned England's batsmen to expect a fair ration of short-pitched bowling during the summer's five-test series. There will be no bouncer restrictions during the series, with umpires having the discretion to judge intimidatory bowling.

Team manager Jackie Hendricks commented on arrival: "I would not like to see legislation brought in. A bouncer is part of a fast bowler's armoury."

The first game takes place on May 31.

Middlesex and Essex, expected to be in the frame when the season's one-day honours are dished out, ended their game at Lord's, with perhaps the most appropriate result — a tie. Both scored 214 for five.

The final to an exciting encounter came with Middlesex needing 10 runs for victory off the last over. They whistled the figure down to three, but needed off the last ball, bowled by John Lever, but West Indies managed only two.

At Old Trafford — Northamptonshire 187 for 5 (Wild 51), Lancashire 191 for 2 (O'Shaughnessy 76 not out). Lancashire won by eight wickets.

At Taunton — Hampshire 219 for 4 (Smith 88, Terry 65), Somerset 184 for 5. Hampshire won by 35 runs.

At Worcester — Nottinghamshire 241 for 1 (Rice 98 not out, Robinson 97 not out), Worcestershire 242 for 5 (King 101 not out). Worcestershire won by five wickets.

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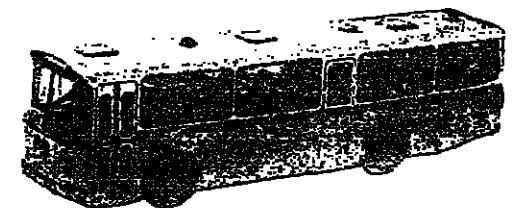
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WHEN CHAIM WEIZMANN created the Daniel Sieff Institute in 1934, he was very worried about the danger of his scientists being geographically isolated from the great centres of science in the world. It was then that he enunciated the principle: "Jews are guests in every place, hosts nowhere. To be wanted guests, they must also be congenial hosts." Thus he hoped that his Institute would attract leading scientists as friendly advisers.

If the shade of Dr. Weizmann joined the well-wishers of the Weizmann Institute (which absorbed the Sieff Institute), who participated in the celebration of its jubilee, he would have been delighted to find that the Institute was acting as host to so many of the greatest scientists of the day that the guest list reads like a "Who's Who in Science in the Eighties."

Prof. John Ross, head of the department of physical chemistry at Stanford University, and for many years a co-chairman of the Institute's Scientific Advisory Committee, speaks with great enthusiasm about another of Weizmann's ideas: his dream of using chemistry to manufacture substances, particularly in a country short of raw materials.

"Chemistry is transforming man's environment," he says. "Let me give you one example. If we find a new catalyst that is one per cent more active in promoting the production of ammonia, we may save millions of people from starvation. The population explosion, water problems, energy problems, pollution problems, biological problems—all these depend on the discoveries of chemistry. Plastics, artificial materials, polymers, everywhere you look, the chemists are changing the external aspect of the world. We're learning how to mix things and to be less dependent on raw materials. Oh yes, Dr. Weizmann certainly dreamed the right dream."

What does he think the world will be like in the year 2,000?

He laughs. "In the 'Thirties, somebody asked a commission of scientists to forecast what changes science would introduce in the next three decades. They missed every single exciting development. So I'm scared to play prophet."

"All I will say is that if you and I sit down together again in the year 2,000, we will find that our wildest dreams were too conservative. The computer revolution will be mind-boggling. The silicon chip will be replaced by miniatures not even contemplated today. There'll be wonderful composite materials. Insect pests will be destroyed by new techniques. There'll be better understanding of the environment—provided, of course, the politicians use the means science places at their disposal."

At the moment, the Israel government is slashing budgets for science and education.

"It's insane. If you close down your public schools and cut your scientific research because of budget problems caused by war, you've lost the war. It's like what happened to China during the Social Revolution. You cannot control your intelligence. And you must not try to direct your scientists. You must get the very best people, and let them



From left, Prof. Frank Press, Prof. John Ross, Prof. Anne Beloff-Chain, Prof. Daniel Koshland and Prof. Christian B. Anfinsen.

A PRIDE OF LIONS

The Post's Philip Gillon talks to five distinguished scientists here—for the jubilee of the Weizmann Institute.

work at their own pace on whatever problems interest them.

"That was another principle laid down by Dr. Weizmann: he built the Institute around the finest scientists he could attract. Excellence, not direction. In any case, the boundaries between basic and applied research have disappeared."

Ross was born in Austria and went to the U.S. at the age of 13 in 1939. He was always interested in technical things, and obtained his Ph.D. at M.I.T., where he served for many years before moving to Stanford.

"Now I'm studying the yeast cell. I think that we can learn from nature. The yeast cell is a very efficient factory. What can we learn from it? Why is it so efficient? Admittedly, there is nothing in nature like the wheel, which we use for so many engines. But nature has wonderful machines, taking in energy and converting it to work and heat. Look at photosynthesis. What an amazing example of solar energy! Solar energy is also a chemistry problem. Can we adopt nature's machines? I think we can. Let's meet again in 2,000 and consider how the world has changed."

NOBEL Prizewinner Prof. Christian Anfinsen, of Johns Hopkins University, is a chemist who has been on the Weizmann governing board for more than 20 years. At one stage he very nearly came to settle in Israel: arrangements had been made to set up a high-technology company to be known as Taglit, funded by E.F. Hutton and the Institute, in which he was to be chief scientist, but the plan collapsed at the last minute.

"My wife and I had given up our jobs, and had sold our furniture. The post fell away. It was a little disconcerting. We came anyway and stayed for a year. But it was a shock."

There is a reason why they were so keen to settle here: they are fanatical Zionists. His wife comes from a very Orthodox family, and Professor Anfinsen was converted to Judaism by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, now president of Bar-Ilan University, so it can never be said that he was given a scientific conversion similar to the conversions of the basketball players.

"I probably know more about Judaism than most American Jews,"

he says. "Judaism has a very interesting philosophy, although sometimes I don't agree with some of the actions of the Orthodox group. I am against organized religion; I like my privacy. But I certainly have no regrets and no reservations that I joined the tribe."

Anfinsen was born in Pittsburgh, where his father, a Norwegian engineer, had settled. He himself is a biochemist, and at present he is working on a completely new field, some bacteria found alive in "funnels" going down to immense depths in the Pacific.

"The temperature down there is as high as 250 degrees Centigrade, but because of the pressure, the water doesn't boil. How can organisms survive under such conditions? One of my colleagues, Dr. Deeming, went down twice to collect them. They were put in tubes and taken to the mother ship at 100 degrees. The possibilities are fascinating."

He has some qualms about a subject now very much in the headlines—genetic engineering.

"I think it can be used very profitably, in agriculture and in medicine, against genetic diseases. But I am a little worried—there is some danger of the type envisaged in that science-fiction book, *The Andromeda Strain*. By manipulating the egg of a mouse, they have managed to produce a giant mouse. Just imagine if that had been done during the Hitler years. The Nazis would have used the concentration-camp inmates for human experimentation so as to produce nine-foot Nazi soldiers. What a horrifying thought!"

Initially ignored as another example of the eccentric political, social and sexual causes regularly spawned in Berkeley, the anti-Israel initiative has now roused the diverse Jewish community of Berkeley and the San Francisco Bay area to organize a concerted counter-drive.

Sponsor of the initiative is a group calling itself Taxpayers for Peace in the Middle East (TAPME), which over the past six months collected the necessary 5,000 valid signatures on the streets of Berkeley to put the measure before the city's 67,000 registered voters. TAPME's supporting organizations list themselves as the American Arab Anti-Defamation Committee (whose phone is listed as the contact number for TAPME), the committee for Academic Freedom in the Israel Occupied Territories, and the International Jewish Peace Union.

Under the rules of the municipal charter, the Berkeley City Council was obliged to give its *pro forma* approval to the initiative, designating it officially as "Measure E" on the ballot. More significantly, however, the city council, at the same meeting, rejected a proposed ballot measure calling for continued aid to Israel and praising its democratic ideals, willingness to negotiate peace and strategic importance to the United States.

The pro-Israel proposal failed by a 5-to-4 vote when five council members abstained, in effect voting "no."

There is little doubt that Arab groups and their sympathizers selected Berkeley as the test site for the initiative because of the makeup of the city's electorate and its affinity for anti-establishment causes.

"Unlike other places in the U.S., where the political dialogue is between liberals and conservatives, Berkeley's dialogue occurs between liberals and radicals," comments Berkeley historian Fred Rosenbaum.

"Even though the issues and

make a nuclear bomb. Imagine what will happen when such bombs get into all kinds of hands."

AN HONORARY doctorate is being awarded during the celebrations to Prof. Daniel Koshland, a biochemist at the University of California, who co-chaired the Institute's Scientific Advisory Committee with Professor Ross for several years.

"Many years ago, I came to the Weizmann as a lecturer, and fell in love with the place," he said. "I made up my mind to come every year, and I've done so ever since, except one year, when I was ill."

He has never considered immigrating. "I grew up in California and am very happy there. My wife is a professor of immunology there and we have many children in California. But I feel very identified with the Institute, and have a place in my department available for an Israeli all the time. The young people they send me are superb, as good as any in the world. The work done at the Institute is first-rate, equal to that done at Berkeley or Harvard."

"There is no such thing as nationalism in science: science of its essence is international. But it is obviously simpler to work in California than in Rehovot. We have a phrase, 'cloning by phoning': it's easy to telephone a colleague in the U.S. and discuss a problem. That's why it's so important for Israelis to come to us."

Koshland, also a biochemist, is working in the areas of mental health and neuro-biology. "Human beings tend to think that the brain is very special, because it makes us feel quite different from any other species, and more advanced. But I think that the brain is just another organ like the heart or the kidneys although a very complicated one. Just as something can go wrong with the chemistry of the heart or kidneys, so there can be changes in the chemistry of the brain."

"I always quote to my class the different way they looked at a pretty little girl when they were eight years old from the way they looked at her six years later. There had been a change in their brain chemistry."

Koshland is convinced that there is a physical explanation for many mental illnesses like schizophrenia and manic depression, and even some types of alcoholism.

"The evidence is very powerful that there is a spectrum of physical causes, either inherited or due to brain damage in infancy. This can be brought out by stress-battle, culture shock, business worries. I don't believe that parents should blame themselves if a child develops a mental illness, any more than they should if he develops heart disease."

"A loving family certainly helps as a cushion: I always say that I myself got tenure when I was two years old, I was given such a sense of security by my family. It is a pity that we in the United States have lost the extended families—growing up with aunts and uncles and cousins—that used to give so much reassurance."

Koshland points out that there is a distinction between psychoses and neuroses. He thinks that psychoanalysis and counselling help out with neurotics, but cannot help much with psychotics. But the new drugs have certainly changed the situation: many patients who used to be hospitalized can now stay at home.

"Lithium is very helpful for manic-depressives, and it can be taken almost for a lifetime without side-effects. The tranquilizing drugs given to schizophrenics may have side-effects."

"There is clear evidence that an overdose of pep pills, the amphetamines, blocks the dopamine system. We also know that L-Dopa is of great help to sufferers from Parkinson's disease, but that too much can produce symptoms of schizophrenia. Conversely, too many tranquilizers given to schizophrenics will produce symptoms in them of Parkinson's disease. These clues lead us to believe that schizophrenia is associated with something going wrong with the dopamine system."

"We're studying the neuroblastoma cells of the brain in tissue culture. I believe that we are making progress. When we understand how the brain works and why it breaks down, we should be able to solve many mental-health problems."

THE NOTES on the Institute's governors prepared for me by the PR department describe Lady Chain, widow of Ernst Chain, who shared a Nobel Prize with Fleming and Florey for the discovery of penicillin, as Prof. Anne Beloff-Chain, and warn me that she is "a distinguished scientist in her own right." As such, when I ask her to explain her alias, she is very amused and says: "Socially I'm Lady Chain because my husband was Sir Ernst. But I had already published a great deal under the name of Beloff by the time I married, so I kept the name. Whether I'm distinguished in my own right depends on your definition of distinction."

There is certainly plenty of distinction in her own family. One of her brothers is Lord Beloff, the historian who founded the University College at Buckingham, and one of her sisters is Nora Beloff, the noted political journalist.

Immediately after the Chains married in 1948, they went to Rome, where Ernst had been invited to set up The International Centre for Research on Chemical Microbiology. They returned to London in 1961, when he was appointed professor of biochemistry at the Imperial College of Sciences. Anne collaborated with him in some projects, but her main interests were different from his.

"For a considerable time I've been interested in insulin secretion and obesity," she says. There are two forms of diabetes: juvenile diabetes, due to a shortage of insulin; and a form that develops in middle age and is often associated with obesity. Insulin acts normally to control the glucose, but in this form of diabetes, there's a lot of insulin in the tissues but the glucose does not get metabolized.

"We've got a model in the mouse: Working with obese mice and lean mice, we've managed to isolate a new hormone from the pituitary gland which stimulates the secretion of insulin. We know what it is chemically, we've also found it in the plasma of human beings. Now it is in the plasma of human beings. There are all kinds of possibilities—and problems, hosts of technical problems."

At the risk of being suspected of being a male chauvinist pig, I ask Professor Beloff-Chain why so few

women scientists have received Nobel Prizes, presumably the accolade of science.

"It's difficult for women to be as single-minded as men about science, because of the problem of raising a family. I had to interrupt my work for the children. And I was lucky that we were in Italy, where it was easy to get help: I've still got the nanny I engaged 30 years ago. Have you noticed that the liberation of women coincided with the decline in the availability of domestic help? Mind you, husbands are now sharing responsibilities in the home more and more. And I'm pleased to see many very bright women doing great things at the Weizmann."

ANOTHER recipient of an honorary doctorate during the jubilee celebrations is Prof. Frank Press, the president of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences who interrupted his academic career to become scientific adviser to President Jimmy Carter.

"After I had been a science teacher for many years, I thought that I should render some public service," says Professor Press. "Actually, I was a part-time adviser to several presidents before Carter, but my full-time Washington service only began during his administration."

"Government intervention in science gets greater all the time, because science is so important for defence, health and industrial development. Most of the growth in America's Gross National Product is due to the new knowledge that science creates. When I advised Carter, it was in regard to all types of research, basic as well as applied. I had to know something about every type of science. It was a very difficult job."

Press points out that the president has to dispose of science budgets running into billions of dollars. How is he to decide on priorities?

"For instance, you have energy questions—synthetic fuels, nuclear fission, nuclear fusion, solar energy, biomass, fossil fuels—which of them should you favour? Scientific projects have different time-scales. Some are very risky and may never work, but if they do, they will be very important. Others work now but have disadvantages. Perhaps they're not safe."

"Take the space programme. Should you support astronauts or an unmanned rocket programme? Health technologies—the latest imaging instruments may cost millions. Do the benefits justify the expenditure? For what kind of projects should there be tax credits?"

Press found that Eisenhower, Kennedy, Ford, Carter and Reagan all listened to advice, but that Nixon and Johnson did not. "It was a matter of personal style—they didn't like to be told what was right or wrong."

Asked about Israel's present policy of cutting down budgets for scientific research, Professor Press says cautiously, "I wouldn't presume to advise Israel what its priorities should be. But I will say that any country cutting down allocations for science is making a grave mistake. No investment gives a higher return than science, especially as so many industries are based on science and technology, and the savings by cuts are negligible."

Another opponent, black Councilman James Sweeney, noted that "the measure does not mention justice or face-to-face negotiations, nor does it lead itself to a climate of mutual co-existence between Arabs and Jews."

LIKUD Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon is far outdistancing his Labour rivals in the American lecture fee derby.

To host a talk on "The Strategy of the Free World in the Middle East" by the former defence minister, the sponsoring organization is required to pay a \$10,000 fee, plus flight and hotel expenses for the general, and possibly his wife. There is no extra charge for the two accompanying body guards.

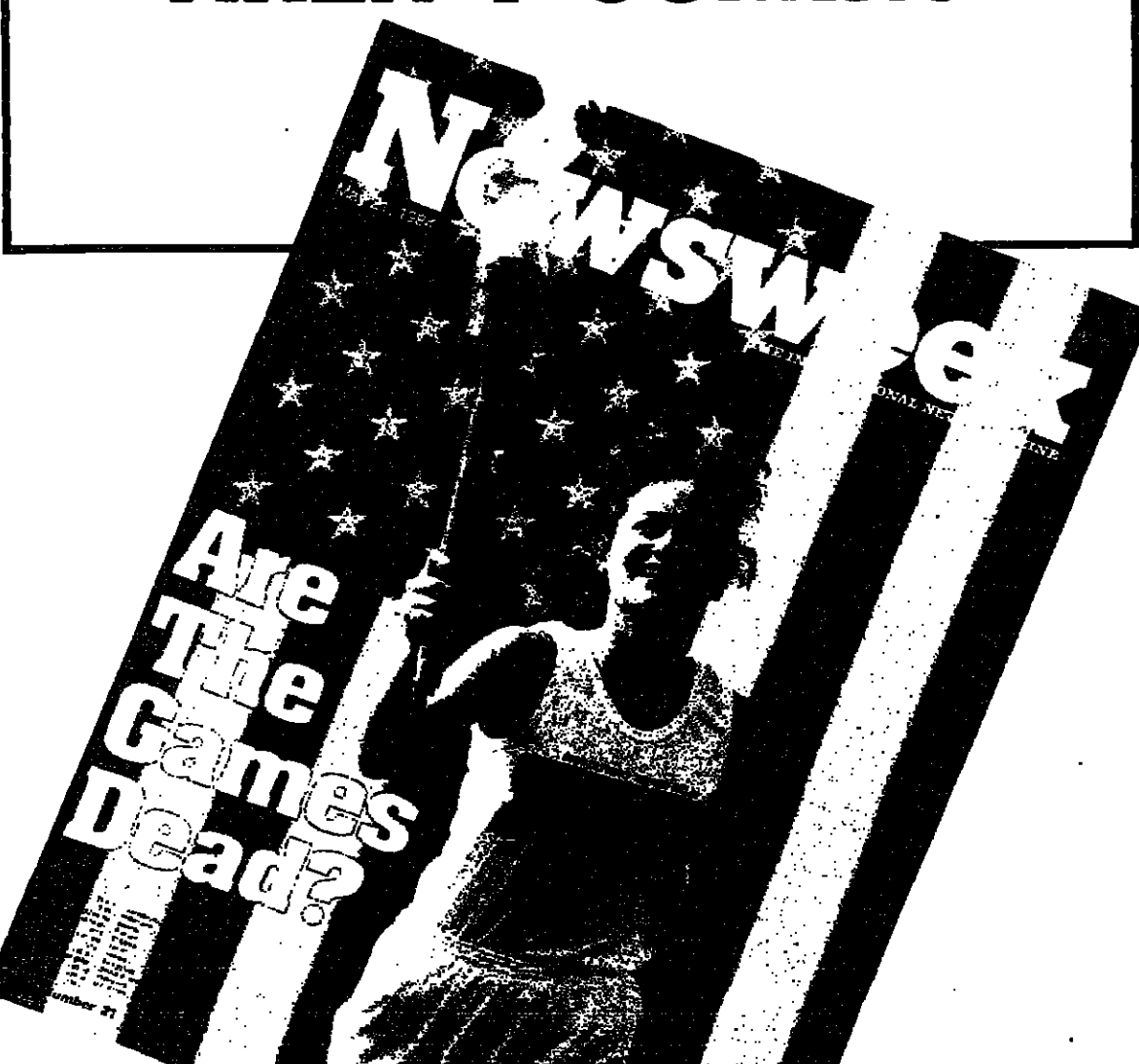
If the price tag for General Sharon proves too steep, his booking agent, the Harry Walker Agency of New York, can offer more modestly priced alternatives among its stable of prominent Israeli speakers.

Former foreign minister Abba Eban, former president Yitzhak Navon and former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin can each be had for \$5,000, plus expenses. Former ambassador Simcha Dinitz, now president of the Hebrew University, is a real bargain at \$3,500.

IT'S TOO LATE for Purim and too early for Hanukkah, but the authoritative *Chronicle of Higher Education* reports the following announcement from the University of Chicago.

"The 37th annual Latke-Hamentash Symposium will offer fresh arguments on the merits of the latke (potato pancake) versus the hamentash (fruit-filled triangular pastry). Highlighted this year will be the microbiological, pediatric, linguistic, philosophical, and South Asian perspective on the object of this 3,500-year-old feud."

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Berkeley votes on West Bank

LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES / Tom Tugend

methods of the activists have changed since the 1960s, I would guess that as much as 25 per cent of Berkeley's population today still could be called 'radical.' Rosenbaum says. "In that sense, they are often anti-Zionist, seeing Israel as an outpost of American imperialism."

BERKELEY'S distinctiveness is reflected in its Jewish community. "Like other communities, less than half of the Jewish population affiliates with a synagogue," according to Rosenbaum. "But a majority also avoids affiliation with any Jewish organization."

"Many are distrustful of the organized Jewish community," he adds. "In part, they represent the social revolution, which includes single parents and homosexuals. They feel that the community does not respond to their needs, and a significant portion can be termed 'anti-Zionist.'"

Among Jewish anti-Zionists actively promoting the initiative are leaders of the hitherto obscure International Jewish Peace Union. They have been joined by individual members of the New Jewish Agenda, an organization espousing leftist social and political causes.

The local chapter and national leadership of the new Jewish Agenda has not taken a stand on the issue. However, the organization's national co-director, Jeffrey Dekro, has charged that Arab groups are using Berkeley as a test site for a possible country-wide campaign to cut aid to Israel and he predicted that the measure would be rejected by the Berkeley voters.

To translate the prediction into reality, most of Berkeley's Jews, who make up 10-15 per cent of the city's electorate, are supporting an organized opposition drive. They are being spurred on by the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin*, which has

been covering the issue closely and effectively.

A "No on (Measure) E" headquarters has been established, from which volunteers armed with arguments and literature are fanning out and knocking on voters' doors. The campaign is being led by Edwin Epstein, a professor at the University of California, and Paul Maier, president of the Berkeley Democratic Club, who say that they will seek a broad base of support "among the general interfaith community, unions, and such other constituencies as the elderly and feminists."

Prof. Epstein attacked Measure E as "neither an appropriate ballot measure nor conducive to peace. It distorts real issues, isolating Israel and casting it in the role of villain."

The official ballot agreement against the initiative, which will be sent to all voters, has been signed by nine prominent officials and citizens. Among them are four city council members, including two blacks, a leading Christian clergyman, and Chancellor Ira Heyman of the University of California, Berkeley.

One of the nine signatories, Vice Mayor Gilda Feller, said she opposed Measure E because it "reduces a complicated problem of foreign policy to a 'yes' or 'no' statement."



Handwritten text in Arabic script: "هذا من الاصل"

Hungary may honour Raoul Wallenberg

By JOHN DORNBERG/Munich

HUNGARY MAY BE preparing to pay official tribute to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of 100,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II and is believed to be still alive in a Soviet prison.

The move, hinted at in recent editions of the semi-official Budapest daily *Magyar Nemzet* and in the Hungarian magazine *Historia*, could have far-reaching implications for Hungary's relations with the Soviet Union, Sweden as well as the U.S., which made Wallenberg an honorary citizen last October.

The tribute apparently would consist of restoring a statue in Budapest to commemorate Wallenberg's deeds next year in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of his disappearance and mysterious abduction by the Soviet secret police.

Wallenberg, then 32-years-old, came to Hungary in the summer of 1944 as a representative of neutral Sweden in order to save, largely with the help of funds from the U.S., Hungarian Jews who then were being deported to Auschwitz and other Nazi death camps.

He did so by issuing Swedish passports and false documents, setting up "Swedish houses" protected by diplomatic immunity, and showing great courage and determination in dealing with German SS and Hungary's own pro-Nazi Arrowcross Party. An estimated 100,000 people were spared as a result of his efforts.

ON JANUARY 17, 1945, after six months in Hungary, he disappeared while on his way from Budapest to Debrecen, under Soviet military escort, to join the seat of the newly established Hungarian provisional government and the Soviet Army headquarters as Sweden's official representative.

Wallenberg was arrested by the Soviets on trumped-up charges of collaborating with the Nazis and spirited off to Moscow and the Lubyanka Prison.

For years, the Soviets denied even that much, claiming that Wallenberg and his driver had been shot and killed by a German Gestapo agent on the road to Debrecen in March 1945. The official Hungarian view is that Wallenberg's fate and whereabouts are a mystery.

In 1957, after years of pressure by the Swedish Government and Wallenberg's family, Andrei Gromyko, then deputy Soviet foreign minister, admitted that Wallenberg had indeed been taken to Moscow and imprisoned, but he contended that

Wallenberg had died of heart failure in the Lubyanka Prison on July 17, 1947. Gromyko's 1957 memorandum to the Swedish Government blamed Wallenberg's alleged death on the "criminal activities" of the Stalinist past and closed with an apology.

BUT THERE has been persistent evidence in the past years that Wallenberg lived long after 1947 and that he may still be alive today somewhere in the Soviet gulag today. Eye-witnesses, a number of them Soviet Jews now living in Israel and the U.S., have repeatedly reported seeing him, not only in the period between 1945 and 1947, but as recently as the 1970s, in various Soviet prisons and labour camps.

The case, an extremely sensitive subject for Moscow as well as Hungary, has cast a shadow over Swedish-Soviet relations for decades and has also involved a number of Western countries, notably Canada, Britain and the U.S., who have brought up the matter at various international conferences.

U.S. and Canadian Jewish organizations have petitioned the Soviet Union to provide full information about Wallenberg. California Congressman Tom Lantos who, as a boy, was saved by Wallenberg in Budapest, has led the U.S. efforts to locate him.

In October 1983, Wallenberg became the second foreigner since Winston Churchill to be given honorary U.S. citizenship. EFFORTS TO HONOUR him in Hungary began as early as 1945, not long after his disappearance, when a Wallenberg committee was set up to solicit donations, and the sculptor Pal Patzay was commissioned to create a monument.

It took four years to raise the funds, and in the spring of 1949, Patzay's statue, a 30-metre-high bronze figure of a nude battling with a serpent and symbolizing Wallenberg's fight against Nazi terror, was

set atop a granite pedestal in Budapest's St. Stephen's Park, site of the city's former Jewish ghetto.

The inscription read in part: "Raoul Wallenberg, delegate of the Swedish people. From July 1944 to January 1945 he led the courageous and noble humanitarian activities of the Swedish Royal Embassy in Budapest. He became our hero in the dark period of destruction."

DURING THE NIGHT before the official unveiling on April 8, 1949, the statue and its pedestal disappeared as mysteriously as Wallenberg himself had four years earlier.

According to one report, Soviet soldiers were seen removing it during the night.

Hungarian sources, quoted in *Historia*, the official bi-monthly of the Hungarian Historical Society, are equivocal and contradictory about what happened to the monument after that. According to some versions, it was demolished; according to others, merely damaged during the nocturnal removal.

In fact, it was repaired and restored in 1950 - apparently having been kept in storage - when plans were made to erect it in some other

Budapest square as an "anti-fascist memorial," not specifically commemorative of Wallenberg.

Patzay, the original sculptor, referred to it in June 1950 with the title "Victory over Fascism." Nothing came out of those plans either. But in September of that year, the figure was set up at the Hungarian Exhibition of the Fine Arts, and Patzay entitled it simply "Figure with a Snake."

In 1953 the statue was moved to Debrecen, renamed the "Serpent Killer," and was erected next to a pharmaceutical factory where it stands to this day.

In the late '50s or early '60s, according to one report, a replica of the figure was cast and taken to Indonesia by then-president Achmed Sukarno to adorn his presidential palace grounds in Djakarta.

MOST OF THESE curious details were contained in the article in *Historia* which also suggested that the original in Debrecen should be refurbished and moved to an appropriate site, either there or in Budapest, in time for the 40th anniversary of Wallenberg's disappearance.

Magyar Nemzet, the daily newspaper of Hungary's Patriotic People's

Weapons windfall

By FRED S. HOFFMAN Washington

WITH HELP from its friends, the United States has quietly obtained Soviet weapons and gained vital information on their strengths and weaknesses for nearly two decades.

The government has always been reluctant to discuss such acquisitions for fear of embarrassing the friendly donors, but the spotlight was turned anew on the subject after a three-star air force general was killed on April 26 in a Nevada plane crash that was quickly cloaked in secrecy.

Pentagon sources said Lt. Gen. Robert Bond, vice-commander of the Air Force Systems Command, died while at the controls of a super-sonic Soviet MiG-23 fighter.

Sources who spoke on condition they remain anonymous have indicated the MiG-23, the most advanced Soviet warplane ever to fall permanently into U.S. hands, was supplied to the U.S. by Egypt.

Since turning away from the Soviet Union, Egypt's main arms supplier for 20 years, the Egyptian government has grown closer to the United States in the last decade and is modernizing its forces with American-made arms and planes. It reportedly has turned over samples of its stock of Soviet gear.

Israel also has been a major supplier of a wide range of Soviet-made air and ground weapons it captured from Arab armies in a series of wars.

And Japan helped by allowing U.S. technicians to virtually pull

apart a Soviet MiG-25 interceptor flown there by a defecting pilot in 1976.

EVEN AFTER U.S. relations with Israel were severely strained following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, intelligence information on the performance of Soviet warplanes and missiles - and even captured weapons - continued to flow to the United States.

In February 1983, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger told reporters: "We are getting... a substantial flow of information and actual weapons and weapons systems that were captured by the Israelis."

Israeli forces had defeated Syrian air and ground units in and over the Bekaa Valley and, as in previous Arab-Israeli wars, reaped a harvest of arms supplied to the Syrians by the Soviets.

Intelligence and military officials have refused to identify any weapons sent to the United States since the most recent findings.

Defence sources said the United States has several types of Soviet warplanes, but "no great numbers." These include MiG-21s, MiG-19s and some earlier models.

Among other things, the specialists said, U.S. pilots and engineers can determine the handling characteristics of these aircraft, their fuel consumption, electronics and even the technology used in their manufacture. (The Associated Press)

Unsolved mystery

By MARY ELLEN BORTIN/Paris

BEST-SELLING author Antoine de St. Exupery wrote a letter to his wife shortly before he stepped into his Lightning P38 spy plane on July 31, 1944, and flew off on an espionage mission over south-east France.

"I am very far away. I cannot tell you where I am," he said. "I am holding out well, but God may trip me somewhere. Know that I regret nothing, absolutely nothing, except your tears."

Mystery surrounding the death of "St. Ex" - writer, aviator, moralist and fighter for a Free France - has persisted for four decades, heightening the romance of an extraordinary life.

In homage to the author of *Le Petit Prince* (The Little Prince), the Aero-Club de France is displaying manuscripts, letters, drawings and personal effects of St-Exupery before an auction which will disperse the items throughout the world.

The display provides an insight into the writer's darker personal side, his self-doubts and stormy relationship with Consuelo Suncin, whom he married after a brief but passionate courtship which followed their meeting in Buenos Aires.

BUT THE SHOW does little to elaborate on the circumstances of the pilot's disappearance while on the last of nine special missions towards the end of World War II in France.

He had received special authorization to fly the missions with his 2/33 Reconnaissance Group, which moved its base from Algiers to Corsica as the Allies closed in on south-west France.

At 41, he was considered too old to man the sophisticated American-made Lightning, which flew unaided over the Alps at high altitude using high-speed evasion tactics to avoid Nazi fire.

But the writer, who had logged 7,000 hours of flight time as a pilot for the French postal service in the early days of transcontinental air delivery, insisted he had to fly.

"I so strongly need to live this era not as an intellectual spectator," he wrote to Consuelo in a letter on display. "Being part of the real war allows me to feel absolutely pure."

HE CLIMBED into the cockpit of the "Patience in the Blue" early on July 31, wearing a flight suit fitted with inflatable life boat, life vest, gas for inflating them, oxygen and flares.

Military rules forbade telling pilots about the imminent allied landing in France and St-Exupery was to be informed only upon his return from the final mission. But by then he had vanished without a trace.

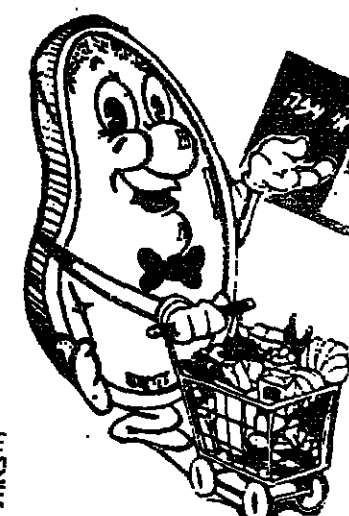
There was speculation that the aviator died in a crash in a mountain ravine east of Lyons, that he was captured by the Nazis, or that he plunged into the sea due to engine failure.

But the recent discovery of a log written by Luftwaffe pilot Robert Heichele on July 31, 1944, tends to corroborate indications that "St-Ex" was shot down by a Folke-Wulf fighter just off the French mainland while heading back to Corsica.

"I have loved my country with all my might," St-Exupery told his wife in 1943. "I have neither ambition nor the thirst for money nor anything of the sort. I simply wish to be useful."

That letter is one of 26 from the estate of Consuelo on display in Paris until May 20, with St-Exupery's whimsical drawings for *Le Petit Prince*, other writings and souvenirs - before, like the aviator himself, they vanish without a trace. (Reuters News Service)

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Gov't seen reducing its role in money market

By DAVID KRIVINE

The government is gradually withdrawing from its role as an intermediary in Israel's money market, according to Yehuda Drori of the Treasury.

Addressing a seminar at the Hebrew University yesterday, (sponsored jointly by the university and the Israel Centre for Social and Economic Progress), he pointed out that the public requires a linkage to its savings. But up till recently mortgage, industrial and other loans were unlinked. Only the government could borrow linked and lend unlinked, so all financial transactions have been passing through the Treasury.

Today all medium- and long-term loans made by the government are linked as well, therefore the Treasury no longer has a role to play. Pension funds used to deposit their money with the Accountant-General, but have now started lending directly to the end-recipients, starting with the General Mortgage Bank.

This short-cut arrangement, which reduces the number of middlemen and thus saves costs, will be extended to industrial and agricultural loans, he said.

Eventually, the government's "directed" (subsidized) credit will be abolished. If the authorities want to help a particular branch or firm, Drori noted, they will have to provide it in cash.

Prof. Menahem Brenner of the HU School of Business Administration

stressed that the capital market is to all intents and purposes out of action. The collapse not long ago of share prices, including banks shares, has sapped the public's confidence in the financial system. A thoroughgoing reform is necessary before faith can be restored.

Dr. Meir Heth, chairman of the Stock Exchange, urged the government to stop borrowing on an unlimited scale at a fixed rate of interest. Better to borrow less and allow the interest to be fixed by supply and demand in the market.

A law will be passed shortly to prevent the manipulation of share prices, he added.

Avraham Suhami, president of Elscint, declared that industrial production must increase by at least 10 billion before the end of the decade. That needs \$3b. of investment. The government won't provide the money because it doesn't have it.

If a realistic exchange-rate for the currency were introduced (20 per cent above the present level), industry could provide a yield to the investor of 108.25 per cent. But the public can get 15 per cent on a non-risk placement today (the reference is to government-guaranteed bank shares) — so why buy a risk-bearing security?

Victor Medina, head of the Bank of Israel's monetary department, introduced a cautionary note by pointing to the enormous domestic public debt, which paralyzes the money market and makes any reform a slow and difficult business.

Report by Central Bank in Beirut:

Lebanese economy losing its adaptability

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese economy is losing its capacity to adapt to the ups and downs of war and is now in a very difficult state, according to a report prepared for Prime Minister Rashid Karamah by the country's central bank.

It said the economy had so far managed to carry on thanks to its flexible free market system, "but this is continuously growing more difficult, so that the economy today is in a very disturbing state."

The report, published in full in the Beirut newspaper *al-Anwar*, says the economy has never recovered from a recession in the second half of 1982, immediately after the Israeli invasion.

Since then there have been three major military campaigns in Lebanon, in the central Shouf mountains last September, around the northern port of Tripoli last November and December, and in the Beirut area this February.

The fighting has reduced the demand for goods and services, created more unemployment and poverty than Lebanon has ever known before and cut the standard of living for all Lebanese, the bank said. "This impoverishment could have grave social and political consequences in the long term," concludes the report, submitted to Karamah last week by Central Bank Governor Michel Khouri.

The bank attributes the economic crisis to long work stoppages, delays in introducing new technology, the



Business street in Beirut. (D. Frank)

emigration of manpower and professional skills, and the destruction of industrial plant — all the direct or indirect results of the chronic warfare which has raged in Lebanon since 1975.

But a new element which marks the post-invasion period off from the earlier war years is the sudden appearance of a large balance of

payments deficit, about \$900 million in 1983 and \$500 m. in the first quarter of 1984, the bank adds.

"This deficit is a fundamental and serious development. In the past years, even in years of war (except in 1976), the balance of payments was always in surplus. These surpluses made a major contribution towards protection of the value of the Lebanese currency and raising per-capita income."

Last year the value of the Lebanese pound fell 46 per cent against the yen, 44 per cent against the dollar and 25 per cent against the West German mark, the bank wrote.

The deficit is due partly to high government spending in foreign currency and partly to businessmen transferring their funds abroad, it said.

Government spending has been mostly on arms and ammunition for the Lebanese army, which has been fighting a losing battle against Druse and Shi'ite Muslim insurgents.

The Lebanese economic picture is not all gloomy, however, the report adds. The country's large gold reserves are intact, the banking system has survived successfully despite an increase in the number of bad loans, and much of the capital which has fled would probably return if the war looked as if it was likely to end.

Fiat almost doubles profits

TURIN (Reuters). — Italian carmaker Fiat yesterday reported almost doubled profits for 1983 and said it was planning a major fund-raising operation for large-scale growth over the next three years.

The Turin-based auto giant said its proposed capital increase, under which investors would be asked to provide 675 billion lire (\$597 million) of new funds, would be the largest in the history of the Italian stock market.

The announcement crowned a dramatic recovery for Fiat, whose car division returned into the black.

A surge in sales took Fiat to the number one spot in Europe in the first three months of 1984, with 14 per cent of the market, ahead of French rival Renault, a company

spokesman said.

Much of the turnaround is due to the successful launch of its award-winning Uno small saloon in January last year, the first step in a complete modernisation of the Fiat range.

Fiat has also improved productivity by steadily increasing the use of robots in its main Turin plant.

Underlining the recovery Fiat — whose group activities range from automobiles to bio-engineering and tourism — said its car division, Fiat Auto, made profits of more than 80b. lire (\$47m.) last year after a string of losses in the past five years.

Fiat said its total parent company profits nearly doubled, to 214b. (\$125m.), from 111b. lire (\$65.3m.) a year earlier.

Leading shareholders including the Agnelli family, which holds a controlling interest, and the Tripoli-based Libyan Arab Foreign Bank have approved the increase and are expected to take up their share.

WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem Museums

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Window to Islam: Islamic culture, religion, science and Court Life; Gallery of the Roman Period: renovation of gallery and new finds; Nahum Tsvet, Wall Statues and Models for Large Sculptures; Jonathan Borofsky, Environmental Sculpture and 3-Dimensional Painting: Face and Body, New Acquisitions in Photography: Hermit, 45 Years of David; David Schremer, Posters and Advertisement; Tom Seidmann Freund, Illustrator of Children's Books; Scaps, Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art, Archeology and Contemporary Art; Israeli Art, 12 Pages from Cairo Centre; Medieval Manuscripts; Special Exhibits: Floor Mosaic from Byzantine Farm (from 15-5); Masterpiece of Greek Pottery 6th Cent. Mosaic Floor. Ticho House: Works by Anna Ticho. Collection of Hanukkiot (open 10-4, 10-10, 10-30-1, 30). Rockefeller Museum: Kadesh Barnea, Jewish Kingdom, Fortresses; News in Antiquities, Finds from Phoenician Tombs, 10th to 7th cent. B.C.E.; How to Study the Past (for children, Pales Center, next to Rockefeller Museum). Closed Saturdays.

Visiting Hours: Main Museum: 10-5. At 11: Guided tour in English: 3:30; Children's Film, "Tom Sawyer"; 4: Story Hour for children, 6-8 (in English); 8:30: Concert, Radiokov Duo, piano and cello.

CONDUCTED TOURS

*Hourly tours at Kiryat Hadassah and Hadassah Mt. Scopus. *Information, reservations: 02-616333, 02-446271.

Hebrew University: 1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9 and 28. 2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Brodman Reception Center, Sherman Building. Buses 9 and 28 to last stop. Further details: Tel. 02-582919.

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Haifa

What's On in Haifa, dial 84-648646.

U.S. firm, Turkey to co-produce F-16s

ANKARA (Reuters). — Turkey and the U.S. company General Dynamics have signed the first offset deal linked to a \$4.5 billion contract for the purchase and co-manufacture of F-16 warplanes.

Government officials said General

al Dynamics and Turkish Aircraft Industries (Tusas) last Friday signed a 10-year, \$150 million agreement for the export of F-16 spare parts manufactured by a Tusas-General Dynamics subsidiary set up this month to build jointly the advanced fighter-bombers.

6th NATIONAL FEMINIST CONFERENCE

Theme: Women's Health

Registration: Friday, May 18, 2.30-4.30 p.m.

Opening Session: Friday, May 18, 5.30 p.m.

Panel Discussion on Reproductive Rights with audience participation.

Light supper and entertainment.

Workshops: Saturday, May 19, 3 sessions, starting 9.00 a.m.

45 different workshops, including 12 in English.

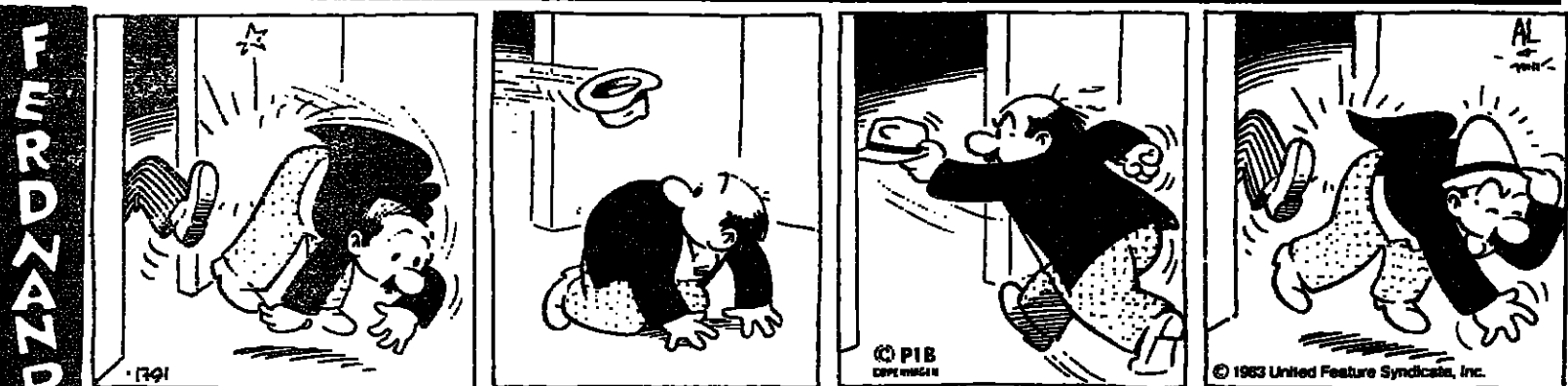
Breast self-examination instruction. Displays and stands.

Babysitting facilities on premises, for 2-year olds and up.

Place: Herzliya High School, 106 Jabotinsky St., Tel Aviv.

Information: 03-234314/917, mornings.

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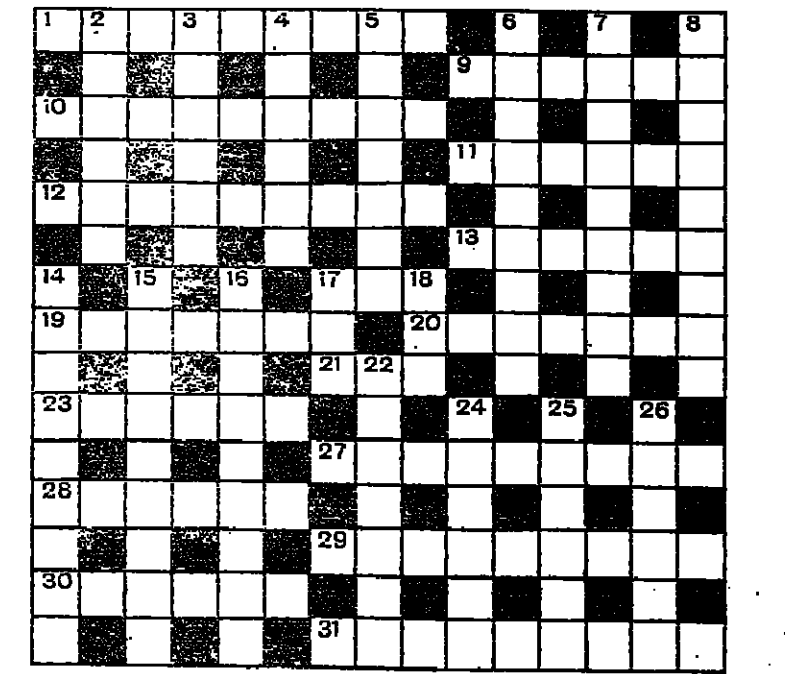
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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- 1 A fill-in for first-class work? (5, 4)
- 9 Pay tribute to an old player after opening solo (6)
- 10 Bears arms to disconcert? (8)
- 11 Gives pleasure with a great many functions (6)
- 12 Fear there could be a difference in the future (9)
- 13 A parliamentary home from the sea (6)
- 17 Brewed tea coming—and in short about time (1, 1, 1)
- 19 Hastened, you don't say! That's capital (7)
- 20 Predict the last of the wine (7)
- 21 A short distance back (5)
- 23 Suggests all is not well with top-grade fish (6)
- 27 Time to make demon feet and pupils rejoice (3,2,4)
- 28 Hairdressing sounds helpful to a toy dog (6)
- 30 Circular finalising clear declaration of intent (9)
- 31 Fame of new owner up to a point (6)

DOWN

- 2 Less sensitive for the figure (6)
- 3 I object in a way, having tripped around... (6)
- 4 ... in remote parts (3, 5)
- 5 Most florid of complicated stories (7)
- 6 Handy source of income for a fortune-teller (9)
- 7 Forthright as soap-box orators tend to be (9)
- 8 Greets daybreak by preparing for it (4, 5)
- 14 Major role played by Alexander (5, 4)
- 15 What's not fair in Freud (9)
- 16 Nobleman fallen from 10 to 11 (5, 4)
- 17 She figures in part of the scenario (3)
- 18 Inclined to be bright (3)
- 22 Flier with a cooler appendage (7)
- 24 Giving in to one on the fiddle? (6)
- 25 Tree in the way in Somerset (6)
- 26 Islander in a sort of trance (6)



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Shaare Zedek, Bayit Vegan, 555502. Baisam, Salah Eddin, 272515. Shu'afat, Shu'afat Road, 810108. Dar Eldawa, Herod's Gate, 232058. Tel Aviv: Lev Hatz, 69 Ehad Hama, 613862. Kaput Holim Clinic, 7 Amsterdam, 225142. Netanya: not available. Haifa: Yavne, 7 Tba Sina, 672288. Pentagon, K. Motzkin, 711490.

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Rape Crisis Centre (24 hours), for help call Tel Aviv, 234819, Jerusalem — 816116, and Haifa 88791.

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Money Matters

Selling slows as market turns mixed

Tel Aviv
Stock Exchange
By MACABEE DEAN

The market turned mixed yesterday after several days of badly falling prices, but the entire turnover in the "free" bank shares was only about \$1 million, one of the lowest figures in recent times.

The total turnover was \$145,000, or about \$2.3m., and some 56 per cent of the total was in the "arrangement" bank shares. These "arrangement" shares remained firm and their index showed a change of exactly zero.

Since the general bank index rose by 0.30 per cent, all of the rise was in the "free" shares, which rose by 0.99 per cent. The category which rose the most was land development, followed by industrials, whose indexes rose by 1.29 and 1.23 per cent, respectively. However, one sub-category, industrial investment, showed a gain of 5.36 per cent.

Oil shares continued to fall - despite the tiny gusher which was reported a few days ago at Kochav 26. But then 100 barrels of oil a day is nothing to write home about. (As a matter of fact, most of the news media gave this "find" little space.)

Among the oil companies, the shares of Delek Exploration which has the biggest shares in Kochav 26 fell by 5.6 and 1.23 per cent, respectively, while J.O.E.L. was down 11.4 per cent. MGN was down 10.1 per cent, but North American was up by 5 per cent, and Sismica was firm.

The number of shares which rose, 179, was almost equal to those which fell yesterday, 173. A total of 73 shares rose by 5 per cent or more, including nine "buyers only", while 56 fell by 5 per cent or more (including six "sellers only").

Among the so-called "solid" firms (this generally means a company which has enough shares on the market so it is difficult to "manipulate" their price), mention should be made of Hassneh, which was up by 3.6 per cent, with a turnover of \$34.8m. Securitas was up 5 per cent, with a turnover of \$1.8m.; Delek, down 4.5 per cent, on a turnover of \$1.7m.; Elbit, down 1.3 per cent, with a turnover of \$17.4m.; Elron, up one per cent, with a turnover of 2.7m.; Dead Sea, up 3.1 per cent, with a turnover of \$12.7m.

Cla industries was up by 8 per cent, with a turnover of \$13.9m.; IDB Development, up 4.5 per cent, with a turnover of \$18.4m.; and Discount Investments, up 4.6 per cent, with a turnover of \$19.4m. Paz Investments was up 10 per cent, with a turnover of \$12.2m.

This indicates that those people who are buying are seeking out the "solid" shares and not the "flighty" ones.

Among bonds, the index rose by 0.28 per cent. The turnover was \$186,000, and of this \$120,000 was in 100 per cent linked, paying 3 per cent interest. These shares were firm, with a tendency to rise.

The news that the cost-of-living index had risen by 20.6 per cent had little influence on index-linked bonds, but as a rule, publication of the C-o-L index has little effect on the day of publication. The approximate rise is known weeks ahead of time, and those investors interested in these bonds make their plans accordingly.

Paz Oil Exploration reports a loss of \$194.9m. (adjusted for inflation) for 1983, compared to an adjusted loss of \$105.2m. for 1982.

Adamim mortgage has decided to pay an 8 per cent cash dividend on its ordinary shares on account of 1983. The share will go "ex" on June 1, and payment will be made on June 24.

Offs textiles reports an adjusted profit of \$18.7m. for last year, compared to an adjusted profit of \$18.7m. in 1982. (The profit for this year is thus same as last year's, and both are adjusted.)

Development Mortgage Bank announces an adjusted profit of \$150.7m. for 1983, compared to an adjusted profit of \$150.6m. for 1982. This bank also announces that Daniel Recanat has left his post as a director and that Leon Recanat has joined the board of directors.

The bank also states that the payment for attending one session of the board has been increased from \$2,500 to \$7,500, that the total payment for each director will henceforth be a minimum of \$190,000 a year, compared to \$130,000 in 1983.

Lachish Industries has decided to increase its capital from \$200m. to \$500m.

Kadman Industries will increase its capital from \$420m. to \$185,000.

Etz Lavud announces that its subsidiary, Ashkelon Plywood successfully completed a public issue of \$147m. (about \$800,000) at the end of April.

Tempo Beer has initiated steps to merge with Tempo Soft Drinks.

Delta Galil Industries had an adjusted loss of \$187.4m. last year, compared to an adjusted profit of \$142.9m. in 1982.

Commercial Banks
(not part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Volume	Change
OHF	1870	3	n.c.
Maritime	271	12	n.c.
N. American	1841	102	-5.4
N. American	1177	268	-9.0
N. Am. op	2817	65	-87
Danot	360	6	+4.1
Danot	4512	8	+2
First Int'l	314	1476	+16
FIBIS	380	546	n.c.

Commercial Banks
(part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Volume	Change
IDB	682	553	-3
IDB	7150	12	-60
IDB	45000	1	-150
IDB op	5150	75	n.c.
Discount B	9001	4	n.c.
Discount B	1070	30	-2.6
Discount B	2845	635	n.c.
Murabi	2845	438	n.c.
Murabi op	2083	265	+5
Murabi op	26600	1	+100
Murabi op	1300	82	+600
Hapolum	4690	107	n.c.
Hapolum	18020	1	n.c.
General A	12200	25	-300
General A	2900	7	n.c.
General A	12330	2	n.c.
General A	9350	2	n.c.
General A	600	10	n.c.
Leumi	2988	3705	n.c.
Leumi	4180	20	n.c.
Leumi	12325	181	+3.4
Leumi	4140	2	n.c.
Finance Trade	2272	4	+30
Finance Trade	3850	6	+88

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change
Adamim	1078	12	-20
Gen. Mortgage	1298	61	-15
Gen. Mortgage	1298	10	-15
Gen. Mortgage	770	18	n.c.
Carmel	287	230	n.c.
Carmel	1820	4	-30
Dei Mortgage	465	295	+15
Dei Mortgage	460	30	-40
Dei Mortgage	350	15	n.c.
Mishkan	2438	3	-770
Independence	1270	10	-30
Tefahot	1125	33	n.c.
Tefahot	367	17	+1.0
Tefahot	180	117	-13
Jayour	161	501	-8.0
Jayour	121	102	-5.0
Jayour	280	181	n.c.

Financial Institutions

Institution	Price	Volume	Change
Shitron	80	628	-2.4
Shitron	1412	6.0	-58
AgriCulture	110700	1	-4.0
AgriCulture	117000	1	n.c.
Leumi Ind	1178	2	n.c.
Leumi Ind	10290	1	n.c.
Dev. Mort. B	26000	1	n.c.
Dev. Mort. C	26500	1	n.c.
Dev. Mort. D	25999	1	n.c.
Dev. Mort. DD	8102	1	n.c.
Contractors	18590	91	n.c.
Clal Lease	306	131	n.c.
Clal Lease	230	49	-10
Clal Lease	1249	19	-20

Insurance

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Arsh	514	40	-43
Arsh	403	84	-9.0
Arsh sub deb	4200	3	+200
Ararat	808	6.0	+3.8
Ararat	257	78	+13
Reinsur O.S.	650	5	+26
Reinsur O.S.	174	100	+5
Hadar	146	37	-2.7
Hadar	570	858	+20
Hassneh	1000	1	n.c.
Phoenix O.S.	410	47	-30
Phoenix O.S.	860	46	n.c.
Hamishmar	810	1	+2.1
Hamishmar	1042	1	+4.2
Yardenia O.S.	286	24	-23
Yardenia O.S.	124	6.0	+5.1
Yardenia O.S.	95	4	-100
Menorah	1000	18	-10
Sahar	1290	1	n.c.
Securitas	315	585	+15
Zur	604	13	n.c.
Zur	316	19	n.c.
Zion Hold.	150	136	+13

Trade & Services

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Meir Ezra	320	31	+1.1
Meir Ezra	199	133	+18
Teta	139	1	+1
Teta	58	400	+1
Clal Trade	385	188	+20
Clal Trade	300	110	n.c.
Cyral	817	94	+1.7
Rapac	1229	17	+112
Rapac	251	15	+1
Superint	865	104	n.c.
Superint	455	211	+1
Superint	536	60	-19

Services

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Delek	2770	62	-130
Harel	1050	34	-10
Lighthouse	700	62	-10
Lighthouse	809	17	-2.8
Lighthouse	309	356	+20
Cold Store	16975	1	+315
Cold Store	8400	1	+315
Israel Elec.	29941	2	n.c.
Bond Ware	628	78	-35
Bond Ware	199	242	-1.5
Consort Hold	394	35	n.c.
Consort O.S.	297	85	-1.6
Consort A	262	10	-10
Kapel	270	3	+20
Kapel	131	1	n.c.

Real Estate, Building

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Oren	190	133	+5
Avram Prop	273	324	+10
Avram op	195	535	+2.5
Elon	66	111	+6
Elon	41	250	n.c.
Elon	199	320	n.c.
Elon	134	6.0	+6
Elon	155	106	-2.8
Ammonit	112	1	n.c.
Africa Int. O.S.	2664	17	-3
Africa Int. O.S.	2080	9	-10
Aram	142	5.0	-5.0
Aram	145	1	n.c.
Aradon	850	38	n.c.
Aradon	245	153	n.c.
Ben Yakar	215	3	n.c.
Baranowitz	123	283	+10
Baranowitz	97	473	+8
Baranowitz	60	339	-9.1
Kanaker	148	112	n.c.
Drucker	128	145	+13
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Darid	1090	25	+4.8
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H.L.B. O.S.	965	30	n.c.
H.L.B. O.S.	457	33	+4
Property Bldg.	825	83	+5
Bayside O.S.	955	29	+5
Bayside O.S.	716	37	+30
ILDC	1620	29	-1.2
ILDC	515	242	+3.0
ILDC	401	3	-11
ILDC	565	135	+20
ILDC	170	63	-2.1
ILDC	78	1	n.c.
ILDC	138	697	+7
Lumir	130	22	-1.5
Lumir	61	332	n.c.
Lumir	40	310	-2.4
M.T.M.	5532	50.2	-291
M.T.M.	4100	1	+6
M.T.M.	70	929	-7
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Modul	288	13	n.c.
Mishel	165	52	-10
Mishel	76	207	+1
Mishel	134	44	-5.3
Mishel	398	34	+18
Levinstein	435	28	+10
Levinstein	75	275	-6
Levinstein	60	310	-1
Levinstein	210	387	+5
Levinstein	116	336	n.c.
Levinstein	235	235	-9.2
Levinstein	148	197	-47
Sahar Hold	410	30	+7
Sahar Hold	345	32	+8
Sahar Hold	886	62	+40
Sahar	247	10	+5.3
Sahar	148	30	-11
Sahar	119	36	-4.3
Afar VeSela	682	116	+12
Caesarea	165	5.0	-1.8
Caesarea	65	83	n.c.
Caesarea	412	17	-1.9
Caesarea	337	1	+17
Rogovin	93	60	-21
Rogovin	93	239	n.c.
Rogovin	525	114	n.c.
Rogovin	475	25	-5.0

Real Estate, Building

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Hadar	169	212	n.c.
Hadar	81	82	-9
Hadar	58	182	+3
Hadar	2020	4	n.c.
Hadar	202	272	+5
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Whoopee, no hands!

THE AVERAGE price increase of 20.6 per cent in April was almost exactly the inflation rate that had been widely predicted for weeks. Yesterday's confirmation of this forecast, by the Central Bureau of Statistics, was therefore no surprise.

However, calamities do not become more tolerable because they are anticipated. That Israel's inflation at an annual rate of more than 400 per cent is a national calamity was recently articulated by a highly respected authority - the International Monetary Fund.

Inflation at such a rate makes it virtually impossible to attain any objective of economic policy. It threatens to bring the productive apparatus of the economy to a standstill. As the president of the Manufacturers' Association, Eli Hurvitz, said yesterday, it makes it even physically difficult to manage productive enterprise. It diverts economic activity from production to financial speculation. It threatens to make the social fabric itself come apart at the seams.

However, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad is oblivious to all that. No matter what the IMF, or any competent economist in the country says, he is resolved to stay the course of trying to improve the payments balance, regardless of what happens to inflation.

He points to successes with respect to the trade balance - and for the hyperinflation of the last seven months he has a ready culprit: the Histadrut. If only the Histadrut had agreed to a social compact, to a "package deal," inflation would have been slowed.

Hearing him, it would seem as if the Histadrut jacked up government-determined prices; that it was the Histadrut that pumped some IS30b. into the economy month after month; that it was the Histadrut that kept the IDF in Lebanon at a cost of \$1m. a day and not only continued, but accelerated the settlements in the West Bank.

The truth, of course, is that the Histadrut has, as always, been meek in the face of the sharpest wage erosion the country has experienced for decades. Its demands for compensation have been modest; of militancy there has been little sign even from the viewpoint of trade union interests, let alone electoral interests. Even last month's increase of 14 per cent in the rate of unemployment, with some 80,000 workers now on the dole, has not made the Histadrut mount any barricades.

It is, therefore, difficult to imagine what more than such model restraint - which employers and governments in other countries could only dream of - could have been expected from the Histadrut within the framework of a "package deal." What Mr. Cohen-Orgad has not revealed is the nature of his own contribution to such a deal, nor that of the employers who have so far made hay while the sun shines, and have, until now, increased their prices more rapidly than warranted by average inflation.

The manufacturers put themselves on the back because the wholesale price index of industrial goods rose in April by only 14.4 per cent, and official spokesmen take consolation from this lag behind the consumer price index. What both forget to mention is that the wholesale price index generally leads the consumer price index by some two months, and its slower rise in April therefore reflects the anticipation that in May and June prices will come down as they always do.

In the next two months we may indeed expect lower price rises than in terrible April. But the seasonal decline in May and June should mislead no one. Inflation will continue to be intolerably high. The Central Bureau of Statistics estimates that for May, a 7.5 per cent inflation rate has already been notched up - which means it is likely to end at around 10 per cent.

A closer look at the details of the price increases in April provides a clue to the nature of our inflation. If the producers of clothing and footwear have been able to charge 49 per cent more for their wares than the month before, that shows that the demand is there. And if a sufficiently large segment of the population has been willing and able to pay 109 per cent more for tomatoes, that shows the same.

That demand is fed by the government, and no package deal designed to hold inflation down on the cost side will change that.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS HOPING to improve attendance, Indiana's Richmond High School offered \$100 to any pupil who showed up for school every day. But officials hardly expected 300 pupils to qualify - and now they are trying to raise the \$20,000 needed.

School administrators "had no idea at all that there would be that many pupils" - out of more than 1,400 - with perfect attendance, programme originator Marshall Moore said recently.

Only 37 pupils had perfect attendance in the school the previous year. Moore said the cash award,

which has come under criticism from some parents, was not meant as pay for pupils to attend school but as recognition for pupils who made the effort to be at school every day.

The money comes primarily from donations by businesses and individuals, with a small amount from government funds.

Kenneth Bourne, whose son Doug is eligible for the money, said he believes the award "smacks too much of bribery."

"I just don't think a cash award is appropriate," Bourne said. "The reward for perfect attendance is a good education."

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Iran: Terror for export

COLIN LEGUM/Islamabad

A NEW WAVE of international political terror, possibly worse even than at the height of the campaign by Palestinian extremists, seems inescapable. Its prelude was the bombing of the American and French embassies and other targets in Kuwait, and the earlier suicide-squad attacks against American Marines and Israelis in Lebanon.

These actions are the work of a newly-born, deeply dedicated and fanatical revolutionary Islam movement which was launched by Ayatollah Khomeini's principal lieutenant, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, in January 1982.

Its three principal objectives are to unite "true Islam" against imperialism, which includes the Soviet Union; to raise the flag of "authentic Islam" against its usurpers, principally seen as the present rulers of Saudi Arabia and their agents; and to promote the aims of the Iranian revolution throughout the Moslem world.

Although the revolution in Iran originally had a primarily Shi'ite character, Montazeri's aim is to eradicate the idea of sectarianism. At the January 1982 conference of foreign Moslems in Teheran, he declared that the Iranian-inspired Islamic revolutionary movement was coited to Shi'ite-Sunni unity.

At about the same time, Khomeini insisted that "it is slanderous to describe the revolution in Iran as a sectarian revolution. Our revolution is the revolution of all Moslems, including Sunnis committed to Shi'ite-Sunni unity."

WITH the launching of this movement, the Moslem world now has three principal centres in rivalry for the role of authentic Islamic thought: Teheran, Riyadh and Tripoli. Each maintains its own international organization through which the struggle for supremacy is being waged. The weakest, by far, is Gaddafi's Islamic Call Society, whose revolutionary appeal has been superseded by Iran's and diminished by the Libyan leader's unpredictable behaviour. Moreover, because Gaddafi remains committed to Iran in its war against Iraq, he has not been in a position overtly to oppose Mon-

tazeri's initiative, although Libya plays no part in it.

By far the strongest of the three movements is the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) led by the Saudis. Although Iran remains a member of the ICO, it uses it as a forum principally to point up its own differences with Saudi policies. These differences are fanatically sharp.

In launching the World Congress of Friday Imams and Prayer Leaders, Montazeri put forth as one of its demands the appointment of a council of representatives of Islamic nations to administer the two holy sanctuaries, Mecca and Medina. British colonialists, he declared, had placed "an illiterate, hireling Beduin in power in Arabia," as a result of which his "discredited family, who are unfamiliar with Islam, now control the holy cities."

"I beg the Almighty," he added, "for the deliverance and liberation of the sacred places and Islamic lands from the claws of Satan (i.e. the Saudi Kingdom)."

MONTAZERI'S message to delegates attending a series of conferences in Iran over the past two years is that religion and politics are indivisible. Mosques, he insists, should not only be places of prayers but, as in the Prophet Mohammed's time, centres of political, cultural and military activities. This message is to be spread by a permanent organization of the World Congress of Friday Imams and Prayer Leaders which has been established with a full-time secretariat in Teheran, and with branches in other Moslem countries. It has been made responsible for convening an annual conference of Islamic leaders to be held in Teheran. In February 1983, Montazeri played host to 400 delegates invited (at Iranian expense) to attend the First Conference on Islamic Thought.

A special school has recently been established at Qom, where sponsored students pursue both religious studies and methods of armed insurrection, in keeping with Montazeri's teaching about the role of the mosque as in the time of the Prophet. The school is believed to be under the supervision of Ayatol-

lah Khoiiniha, but all the students are received personally by Montazeri at three- or four-monthly periods. The first sponsored students are reported to have come from Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Egypt, Nigeria and Morocco. One of the first steps taken in fulfilment of Montazeri's aims was the despatch of trained Iranian cadres to the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon to support the PLO in late 1982 after the Israeli invasion. By the end of that year there were an estimated 1,500 Iranians based in Baalbek.

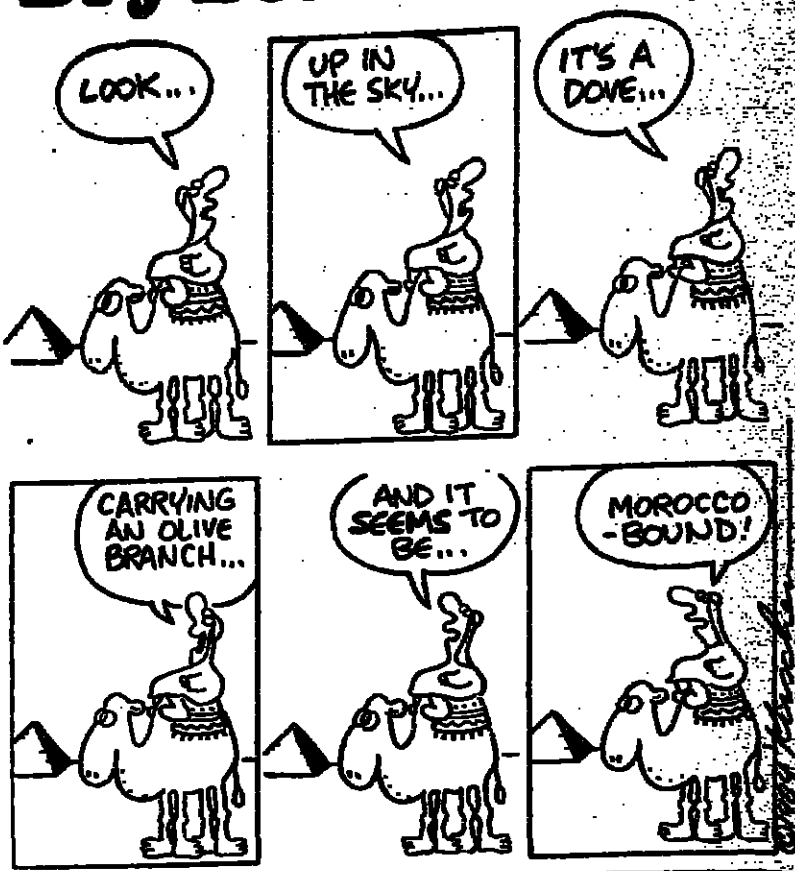
This Iranian presence encouraged an incipient split within the Lebanese Shi'ite community. One of their commanders, Hussein al-Musawi, denounced the Amal faction for collaborating with Israel and the United States, and took 5,000 of his supporters to join the Iranian cadres at Baalbek which they converted into a Shi'ite revolutionary centre, plastering it with portraits of Khomeini and Iranian flags. It was this group which claimed responsibility for the suicide attacks made on the American and Israeli defence positions in Lebanon.

This alliance with the dissident Shi'ite leader, Musawi, has enabled Iran to become a factor in Lebanon, where it supports Syria, its close ally in the war against Iraq.

A SECOND MAJOR AREA of Iranian involvement has been the Arab Gulf, especially those states with significant Shi'ite communities, such as Kuwait, where the latest attacks were carried out. These states, which are linked with Saudi Arabia in the Gulf Cooperation Council, have found it necessary to establish a joint intelligence organization to detect Iranian-directed revolutionary activities.

In the last year or so, Iran has greatly increased its support for the Afghan resistance movement to the Soviet Union's occupation. It has concentrated its aid on two Shi'ite groups of armed resistors, both of which have been given arms and funds as well as permission to raise funds for their struggle in Iran and to open offices there. However, Iran especially favours the Sazman-e Nasr - the Organization for Vic-

Dry Bones



tory - which is mainly active in the central region of Hazarajat and, thanks to Iranian arms supplies, has been able to establish a foothold in the Salang valley, where they are better able to ambush Soviet convoys.

Pakistan has recently agreed to allow the Iranians to establish a liaison committee in Peshawar to work with the Afghan resistance.

Following a Shi'ite-Sunni clash in Karachi over a purely local land dispute, a number of Iranian diplomats were expelled from Pakistan; but President Zia's government has been careful to maintain formally good relations with Iran despite its very close relations with Saudi Arabia. Over 12,000 Pakistani soldiers have been contracted to the Saudi Kingdom to help in its internal and external security. An estimated 20 per cent of Pakistani Moslems are Shi'ites. Iran appears to have been careful to promote its policy of Shi'ite-Sunni unity in its relations with Pakistan - a policy that has won the support of a number of young Pakistani radicals opposed to the Zia regime and who claim to see a model for Islamic revolution in the Iranian ex-

perience.

The Iranian outreach extends into Malaysia (where its links are with the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party), Indonesia and Turkey, where 33 people who were accused in March 1983 of plotting to establish an Islamic state were alleged to have been in touch with the Iranian embassy in Ankara.

In Yugoslavia, too, the authorities claimed in August 1983 at a trial of 12 Moslems, accused of plotting to set up an Islamic republic in Bosnia-Herzegovina, that they had contacts with Iran. Five of the accused had visited Teheran in December 1982.

Even further afield, in Trinidad, the government claimed to have uncovered a plot to establish an Islamic republic by Black Moslems, even though only 10 per cent of Trinidadians are Moslems. The Trinidad government alleged that support for the Black Moslems had been provided through the Iranian embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. A Trinidad police spokesman said in September 1983 that "there was an intention to seize the government and set up a fundamentalist Moslem regime such as that in Iran." (Third World Reports)

White knuckle year

By EDWARD GROSSMAN

DOES THE multiplication and improvement of missiles make us nervous? Can it really scare any of us Israelis?

It isn't hard to understand why the notion of a nuclear war scares our allies, the Americans. It does this not only because they're the only ones who ever dropped the Bomb on other humans, not only because technology's most gifted and fortunate children are naturally most frightened of being destroyed by it, but because the idea of getting caught up in any war is more likely to frighten people who are used to living in peace than those who are acquainted with nothing except war and armistice and who have never had the leisure to organize a nuclear disarmament movement.

Yet even an Israeli who has never known anything but non-peace and thus has consciously or unconsciously, willingly or unwillingly made his peace with it, can't fail to be a little frightened if he lets himself think or dream about a nuclear exchange between the U.S. and the USSR.

For he understands that in such a war to dwarf all wars, a war beyond the precise imagining of all but the sickest, greatest poets, he and his strategic asset of a country probably won't be spared. And even if he and it are, he knows that the "nuclear winter" which scientists predict for the Northern Hemisphere after the exchange could freeze sunny Israel also.

There is, to be sure, something very unreasonable about a reasonable, intelligent Israeli giving way even a little bit to nuclear nervousness now. He would seem to have so many other things closer to home to be nervous about.

Furthermore, even those of us who are crowding middle-age have never known any world except one which could, in fact, end in a series of firebells. We should long since have learned to live with the possibility.

Infinitely adaptable, we should long since have tucked the knowledge away as Neapolitans tuck away the knowledge of Vesuvius - an added spice to their lives.

The knowledge that a nuclear war could include us should long since have disappeared into the stew of our normal anxieties, which among us Jewish Israelis with our somewhat demoralized but still superb army includes the dread of a second 20th-century war of extermination waged against the Jews.

BESIDES, the more intelligent we are, the more we appreciate the Soviets for what they are. We clearly perceive the need for the Americans to show them that disarmament is a two-way street.

And we understand the sophisticated fact that a nuclear war is actually less liable to happen when both sides are equally armed and terrified than when one side, gaining

an edge, thinks it could strike first and win.

Yet in spite of all that, the news on page four of the newspaper about the warheads sprouting like mushrooms in West and East Germany, in Czechoslovakia and Great Britain, casts the slightest possible pall over our pleasures and plans. What if there's a technological mishap?

More and better missiles are being quietly placed right now on both sides of the Iron Curtain in Europe. We sense that if the brutes fly, however, and if it isn't some accident which does it, it could be some trouble in the Middle East which sets them and their even bigger brothers in the U.S. and USSR off.

THE MIDDLE EAST is where the Soviet technicians are separated from the Sixth Fleet by only a range of mountains and a valley of marjuna, the Middle East is where the Shi'ite suicide bombers chant, the Middle East is where the oil is, the Middle East is where the Jewish state is and where St. John the Divine lived and died.

True, the Middle East in the last few months has been going through a relatively quiet period. There's fighting in Southern Lebanon between our troops and Lebanese guerrillas, and the Persians and Iraqis carry on their inter-Moslem massacre in the Gulf. There are, as

always, sniper- and artillery-duels in Beirut.

But, relatively, it's a quiet period in the Middle East. The superpowers, for the moment aren't too closely involved in the killing. Viewers of American TV can therefore concentrate on the presidential nomination races and the Olympics.

MANY PEOPLE seem to be fooled by the lull. We aren't. We know that just as we were right to believe that the doomsday chatter on the eve of 1984 was superstitious and would pass, we are right to believe that the quiet in the Middle East now is a false quiet, the quiet of something terribly dangerous taking shape.

We know from experience that the experts and the crowd are usually wrong. History almost always surprises them. They are usually in for a surprise, and in the Middle East, for every pleasant surprise there have always been at least a hundred unpleasant ones.

The interesting part is that all the surprises were predicted thousands of years before any of us were conceived.

St. John wrote: "Satan shall be loosed out of his prison" and "the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth" will "gather...together to battle." Was the prediction of the Apocalypse borne out by Hitler's rise and fall, or is St. John's world-wide War of Gog and Magog still to come? Is the lull these days in the Middle East the prelude to Armageddon?

The best of us can't be sure that the answer to such an apparently crazy question is no.

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READERS' LETTERS

AN ECONOMIC SOLUTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I read with great interest your various articles of the last few days regarding the impending elections. The majority of writers agree that the economy is the most important topic. None of the major parties has even offered a viable policy to get us out of the mess we are in. Haim Sadan, in his article of April 26 on "The new liberals," has found a party with a solution.

Israel is a country of Jewish people. Jewish people throughout history have always sought freedom and a liberal society. Israel today does not offer an economically free or liberal society and, in order to make this country great, to increase aliyah and decrease veridat, the solutions are to be found in a free-enterprise economy as suggested by the Ha'atzmaut party.

ALLAN HIRSHFELD
Ra'anana.

MOURNING DURING SEFIRA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - On May 9, there appeared on these pages a letter critical of the tradition of mourning during the Sefira period and calling upon the religious establishment to convert the Sefira period into a time of mourning for the martyrs of the Holocaust. The letter, I am afraid, is typical of a genre which chooses to deprecate Jewish tradition before attempting to understand it.

A careful reading of the Talmudic passage relating the death of Rabbi Akiva's students - which is often referred to as the basis for our tradition of mourning during Sefira - shows the Talmud to be bemoaning not the deaths of these 24,000 students, but the state of ignorance of Torah in which the world found itself as a result of the tragedy. "And the world was devoid of Torah."

A comparable destruction of academies of learning and the resulting loss of knowledge of the Jewish heritage occurred shortly before the period of the Geonim, when the

tradition of mourning during the Sefira was first made known, and at the time of the First Crusade, when it was popularized. It was also one of the terrible results of the Holocaust. Between Passover and Shavuot, we mourn the loss of the wealth of Jewish knowledge which we and the world have suffered through our persecution - not the deaths of some students more than 18 centuries ago.

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TRIPS TO CHINA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - Recently, Yasser Arafat paid an official visit to China where he was honoured with a 19-gun salute - a reception generally given to heads of governments.

China welcomes visitors from all over the world - they bring in sorely needed hard currency. China even welcomes visitors from Israel provided they hold foreign passports. Native Israelis are not welcomed and not admitted.

In view of the scandalous reception to an international terrorist, is it right for citizens of any civilized nation, including residents of Israel with foreign passports, to visit and provide China with the hard currency it so greatly covets? Those who think it is right should be ashamed of themselves.

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